

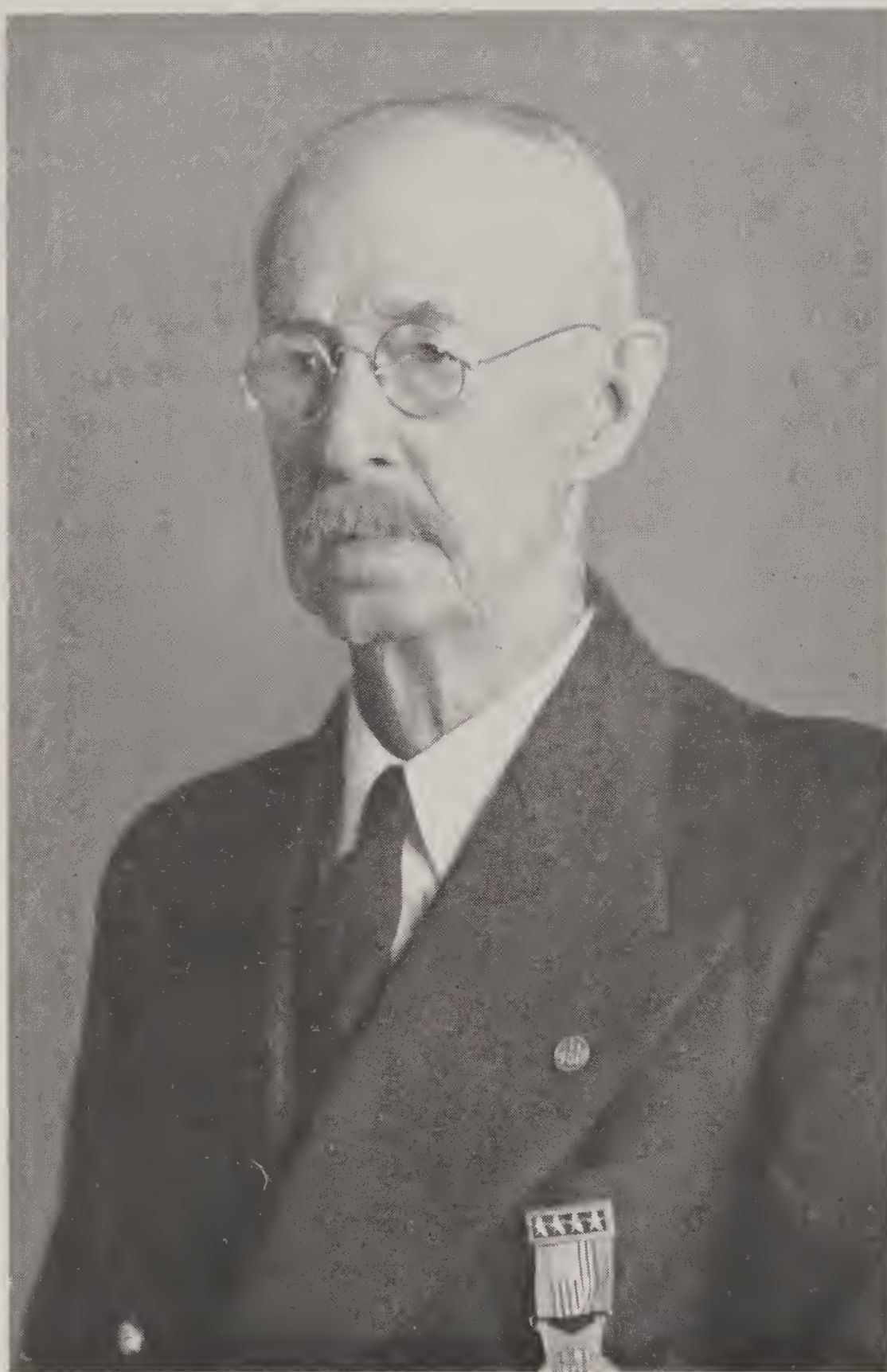
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PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 249, SEVENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution Numbered 126 (46 Stat. 1481), approved March 2, 1931 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 275B), authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the national encampments of certain veterans' organizations in the United States be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That hereafter the proceedings of the national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall be printed annually, with accompanying illustrations, as separate House documents of the session of the Congress to which they may be submitted."

Approved, September 18, 1941.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Warsaw, Ind., December 19, 1945.

To the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 249, Seventy-seventh Congress, approved September 18, 1941, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Proceedings of the Seventy-seventh National Encampment, held at Des Moines, Iowa, September 10-15, 1944, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP OF SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the Seventy-eighth National Encampment, as shown by the following table, is 228. Deducting 94 previously reported, the net voting strength is 134.

National officers, past national officers, and departments	De- part- ment offi- cers	Dele- gates	Past depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past Senior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past junior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Total	Deduct pre- viously re- ported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote-----						9		9
National Council of Adminis- tration-----						27		27
Past commanders in chief-----						6	4	2
Past senior vice commanders in chief-----						6	3	3
Past junior vice commanders in chief-----						4	4	0
Past adjutants general-----						2	1	1
California and Nevada-----	4	2	8	1	1	16	4	12
Colorado and Wyoming-----	4	1	1			6	1	5
Connecticut-----	2		1			3	2	1
Delaware-----	1		1			2	2	0
Florida-----	1		1			2	2	0
Idaho-----	1		1			2	2	0
Illinois-----	4	1	3			8	4	4
Indiana-----	4	1	1			6	2	4
Iowa-----	4	1	3			8	5	3
Kansas-----	4	1	1			6	2	4
Kentucky-----	4	1	1			6	2	4
Maine-----	4	1	5			10	5	5
Massachusetts-----	4	1	1			6	2	4
Michigan-----	4	1	3	1	1	10	4	6
Minnesota-----	4	1	3			8	3	5
Missouri-----	4	1	2			7	2	5
Nebraska-----	4	1	3			8	4	4
New Hampshire-----	2		2			4	3	1
New Jersey-----	2		1			3	2	1
New York-----	4	1	4		1	10	6	4
Ohio-----	4	1	3			8	3	5
Oklahoma-----	4	1	1			6	2	4
Oregon-----	1		1			2	2	0
Pennsylvania-----	4		4			8	6	2
Utah-----	1		1			2	2	0
Washington and Alaska-----	4	1	2			7	3	4
Wisconsin-----	4	1	4			9	5	4
Members at large-----	1					1		1
Total-----	88	19	62	2	3	228	94	134

ROLL OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 10-15, 1944

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in Chief

GEORGE H. JONES,¹ Oxford, Maine

Senior Vice Commander in Chief

LANSING A. WILCOX,¹ Cadott, Wis.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief

HIRAM H. SHUMATE,¹ Riverton, Ill.

Surgeon General

THOMAS RIDENHOUR, Crestline, Ohio

Chaplain in Chief

ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.

Adjutant General

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster General

WILLIAM H. FERGUSON,¹ Kent City, Mich.

Inspector General

JOHN M. GUDGEL,¹ Shenandoah, Iowa

National Patriotic Instructor

LOUIS E. QUINT,¹ Minneapolis, Minn.

Assistant Adjutant General

JOHN W. PALMER,² Waldoboro, Maine

Chief of Staff

GEORGE F. STUART,³ Freeport, Maine

Senior Aide-de-Camp

IRA STORMES,^{1 3} Salt Lake City, Utah

¹ Present.

² Entitled to vote as assistant adjutant general, Department of Maine.

³ Member of National Council of Administration.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

California and Nevada : John W. Smith, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming : Robert F. Bryan, Boulder, Colo.

Connecticut : Charles Douglas, New Haven, Conn.

Delaware : Isaiah Fassett, Berlin, Md.

Florida : Logan J. Dyke, Union City, Pa.

Illinois : James R. Crugom, Chicago, Ill.

Indiana : Isaac W. Sharp,¹ Warsaw, Ind.

Idaho : Israel A. Broadsword, Samuels, Idaho.

Iowa : John P. Martin,¹ Sutherland, Iowa.

Kansas : Alonzo McMurphy, Sterling, Kans.

Kentucky : Robert Barrett, Sr., Dulaney, Ky.

Maine : George F. Stuart, Freeport, Maine.

Massachusetts : George A. Gay,^{1, 2} Nashua, N. H.

Michigan : Martin J. Warner,^{1, 2} Grand Rapids, Mich.

Minnesota : Albert Woolson,¹ Duluth, Minn.

Missouri : William H. Osborn,¹ Joplin, Mo.

Nebraska : R. E. Coleman,² Lincoln, Nebr.

New Hampshire : Lyman E. Butterfield,¹ Manchester, N. H.

New Jersey : Wm. H. Perrine, North Plainfield, N. J.

New York : Frank E. Cooley, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Ohio : Lewis M. Hieston, Pleasantville, Ohio.

Oklahoma : E. H. Sawyer, Minco, Okla.

Oregon : T. A. Penland,¹ Portland, Oreg.

Pennsylvania : Alfred W. Gabrio, Hazleton, Pa.

Utah : Ira Stormes,¹ Salt Lake City.

Washington and Alaska : Hiram R. Gale,¹ Seattle, Wash.

Wisconsin : H. Alexander, Baraboo, Wis.

¹ Present.

² Executive committee.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson ² (provisional) (died Aug. 30, 1871) -----	1866
S. A. Hurlbut, ² Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882) -----	1866-67
John A. Logan, ² Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886) -----	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, ² Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881) -----	1871-72
Charles Devens, ² Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892) -----	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, ² Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899) -----	1875-76
John C. Robinson, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1897) -----	1877-78
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885) -----	1879
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) -----	1880
George S. Merrill, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900) -----	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) -----	1882
Robert B. Beath, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1924) -----	1883
John S. Kountz, ² Ohio (died June 14, 1909) -----	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, ² Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914) -----	1885
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896) -----	1886
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) -----	1887
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) -----	1888
Russell A. Alger, ² Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907) -----	1889
Wheelock, G. Veazey, ² Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898) -----	1890
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) -----	1891
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) -----	1892
John G. B. Adams, ² Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900) -----	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, ² Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908) -----	1894
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) -----	1895
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915) -----	1896
John P. S. Gobin, ² Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910) -----	1897
James A. Sexton, ² Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899) -----	1898
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917) -----	1899
Albert D. Shaw, ² New York (died Feb. 10, 1901) -----	1899
Leo Rassieur, ² Missouri (died June 1, 1929) -----	1900
Ell Torrance, ² Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932) -----	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917) -----	1902
John C. Black, ² Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915) -----	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, ² Massachusetts (died in office, July 16, 1905) -----	1904
John R. King, ² Maryland (Promoted July 16, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934) -----	1905
James Tanner, ² New York (died Oct. 2, 1927) -----	1905
Robert B. Brown, ² Ohio (died July 30, 1916) -----	1906
Charles G. Burton, ² Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926) -----	1907
Henry N. Nevius, ² New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911) -----	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² Minnesota (died Oct. 3, 1936) -----	1909
John E. Gilman, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921) -----	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, ² Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918) -----	1911
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920) -----	1912
Washington Gardner, ² Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928) -----	1913
David J. Palmer, ² Iowa (died Nov. 5, 1928) -----	1914
Elias A. Monfort, ² Ohio (died July 29, 1920) -----	1915
W. J. Patterson, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926) -----	1916
Orlando A. Somers, ² Indiana (died June 9, 1921) -----	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, ² Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924) -----	1918
James D. Bell, ² New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919) -----	1919
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (promoted Nov. 4, 1919, died Oct. 19, 1925) -----	1919
William A. Ketcham, ² Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921) -----	1920

² Deceased.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Lewis S. Pilcher, ² New York (died Dec. 24, 1934) -----	1921
James W. Willett, ² Iowa (died May 13, 1940) -----	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930) -----	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 20, 1934) -----	1924
John B. Inman, ² Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929) -----	1925
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932) -----	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, ² California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930) -----	1927
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935) -----	1928
Edwin J. Foster, ² Massachusetts (died Sept. 11, 1939) -----	1929
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939) -----	1930
Samuel P. Town, ² Pennsylvania (died July 9, 1937) -----	1931
William P. Wright, ² (died in office, June 15, 1933) -----	1932
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif., (promoted June 15, 1933) -----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (elected Sept. 21, 1933) -----	1933
Alfred E. Stacy, ² New York (died Mar. 9, 1940) -----	1934
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938) -----	1935
C. H. William Ruhe, ² Pennsylvania died (May 20, 1941) -----	1936
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941) -----	1937
Robert M. Rownd, ³ Ripley, N. Y. -----	1938
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (died in office, June 30, 1940) -----	1939
A. T. Anderson, Washington, Pa. (promoted June 30, 1940) -----	1940
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (died March 17, 1944) -----	1940
George A. Gay, ^{5 1} Nashua, N. H. -----	1941
John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif. -----	1942

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, ² New York (died Jan. 6, 1879) -----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887) -----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896) -----	1869-70
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914) -----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, ² New York (died Mar. 13, 1896) -----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911) -----	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917) -----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902) -----	1878
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905) -----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, ² Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904) -----	1880
Charles L. Young, ² Ohio (died September, 1913) -----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, ² Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907) -----	1882
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916) -----	1883
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900) -----	1884
Seldon Connor, ² Maine (died July 9, 1917) -----	1885
S. W. Backus, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930) -----	1886
Nelson Cole, ² Missouri (died July 31, 1899) -----	1887
Moses H. Neil, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1929) -----	1888
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923) -----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, ² Massachusetts (died in office, Nov. 22, 1890) -----	1890
George H. Innis, ² Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907) --	1891
Henry W. Duffield, ² Michigan (died July 13, 1912) -----	1891
R. H. Warfield, ² California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906) -----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905) -----	1893
A. P. Burchfield, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910) -----	1894
E. H. Hobson, ² Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901) -----	1895
John H. Mullen, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907) -----	1896
Alfred Lyth, ² New York (died Dec. 15, 1924) -----	1897
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917) -----	1898
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916) -----	1899
Irvin Robbins, ² Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911) -----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, ² Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921) -----	1900
John McElroy, ² Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929) -----	1901

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Chaplain in chief.⁴ Adjutant general.⁵ National council of administration.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

William M. Olin, Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)-----	1902
C. Mason Kinne, California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)-----	1903
John R. King, ² Maryland (commander in chief July 17, 1905; died Mar. 3, 1934)-----	1904
George W. Patten, ² Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905
George W. Cook, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William A. Armstrong, ² Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, ² New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)-----	1908
William M. Bostaph, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 8, 1935)-----	1909
Charles Burrows, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 17, 1935)-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, ² New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, California and Nevada (died March, 1923)-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, ² Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, ² Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, ² Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)-----	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, ² Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929)-----	1915
William H. Wormstead, ² Massachusetts (died Aug. 16, 1938)-----	1916
John L. Clem, ² Potomac (died May 13, 1937)-----	1917
John G. Chambers, ³ Oregon-----	1918
Charles B. Wilson, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 1, 1928)-----	1919
George A. Hosley, ² Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ² Indiana (died May 15, 1926)-----	1921
C. S. Brodbent, ² Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931)-----	1922
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930)-----	1924
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1925
A. G. Beatty, ² Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)-----	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, ² New York (died Jan. 12, 1936)-----	1927
James E. Jewel, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Nov. 7, 1939)-----	1928
Charles E. Nason, ² Maine (died Sept. 15, 1932)-----	1929
Jacob Secrest, ² Ohio (died Nov. 26, 1935)-----	1930
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1931
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif. (commander in chief June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Charles E. Jones, ² Alabama (promoted June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1933
Thomas H. Peacock, ² Minnesota (died in office, Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (promoted Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1934
Harding I. Merrill, ² Kansas (died June 22, 1937)-----	1934
A. C. Estabrook, ² Michigan (died Feb. 12, 1941)-----	1935
Henry F. Russell, ² Ohio (died Dec. 3, 1937)-----	1936
Henry Held, ² Wisconsin (died Aug. 1939)-----	1937
Frank L. Quade, Dubuque, Iowa-----	1938
A. T. Anderson, ⁵ Washington, Pa. (commander in chief, June 30, 1940)-----	1939
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (promoted June 30, 1940; died March 17, 1944)-----	1940
Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill-----	1940
Thomas Ridenour, ⁷ Crestline, Ohio-----	1941
Isaac W. Sharp, ¹ Warsaw, Ind-----	1942

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, ² Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)-----	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)-----	1866-69
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1870
James Coey, ² California (died July 14, 1918)-----	1871
J. Warren Keifer, ² Ohio, died Apr. 22, 1933)-----	1871-72
Edgar Ferguson, ² Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)-----	1873
Guy T. Gould, ² Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)-----	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, ² Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)-----	1875-76

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ Adjutant general.⁵ Past commander in chief.⁷ Surgeon general.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)-----	1877
Herbert E. Hill, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)-----	1878
Harrison Dingman, ² Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)-----	1879
George Bowers, ² New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)-----	1880
C. V. R. Pond, ² Michigan (died June 9, 1912)-----	1881
I. S. Bangs, ² Maine (died May 30, 1903)-----	1882
Walter H. Holmes, ² California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889)-----	1883
Ira E. Hicks, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)-----	1884
John R. Lewis, ² Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)-----	1885
Edgar Allen, ² Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)-----	1886
John C. Linehan, ² New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)-----	1887
Joseph Hadfield, ³ New York-----	1888
John F. Lovett, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 27, 1926)-----	1889
George B. Creamer, ² Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)-----	1890
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)-----	1891
Peter B. Ayars, ² Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)-----	1892
J. C. Bigger, ² Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)-----	1893
Charles H. Shute, ² Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)-----	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, ² Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)-----	1895
Charles W. Buckley, ² Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)-----	1896
Francis B. Allen, ² Connecticut (died July 26, 1921)-----	1897
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)---	1898
Michael Minton, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)-----	1899
Frank Seaman, ² Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)-----	1900
James O'Donnell, ² Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)-----	1901
James P. Averill, ² Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)-----	1902
Harry C. Kessler, ² Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)-----	1903
George N. Patton, ² Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, ² Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)-----	1905
Silas H. Towler, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930)-----	1905
E. B. Fenton, ² Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)-----	1906
William M. Scott, ² Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)-----	1907
Charles C. Royce, ² Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)-----	1908
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)-----	1909
William James, ² Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)-----	1910
William A. Ogden, ² Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)-----	1911
Americus Whedon, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)-----	1912
A. S. Fowler, ² Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)-----	1913
W. F. Conner, ² Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)-----	1914
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (elected Apr. 1, 1915; died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1915
Le Vant Dodge, ² Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)-----	1915
F. K. Russ, ³ Louisiana-----	1916
John M. Vernon, ² Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)-----	1917
Charles H. Haber, ² Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)-----	1918
Isidore Isaacs, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)-----	1919
J. E. Gandy, ² Washington and Alaska (died June 5, 1934)-----	1920
Henry A. Johnson, ² Potomac (died Dec. 5, 1935)-----	1921
C. V. Gardner, ² South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930)-----	1922
George T. Leech, ² Maryland (died Aug. 4, 1940)-----	1923
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1924
William O. Allen, ² New Jersey (died Sept. 22, 1931)-----	1925
Charles H. Haskins, ² California and Nevada (died Oct. 16, 1933)-----	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, ² Minnesota (died Sept. 20, 1940)-----	1927
Henry J. Kearney, ² New York (died Apr. 30, 1933)-----	1928
James W. Shields, ² Idaho (died Dec. 17, 1933)-----	1929
Charles H. Lewis, ² Rhode Island (died May 1938)-----	1930
Russell C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, Calif-----	1931
Charles E. Jones, ² (senior vice, June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1932
Arthur Dawson, ² Illinois (elected Sept. 18, 1933; died Apr. 7, 1940)-----	1933

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from order.⁴ Adjutant general.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Edwin H. Lincoln, ² Massachusetts (senior vice, Jan. 23, 1934; died Oct. 15, 1938)-----	1933
John E. Andrew, ² Illinois (elected Apr. 27, 1934; died June 30, 1940)----	1934
George H. Pounder, ² Wisconsin (died Dec. 10, 1936)-----	1934
Overton H. Mennet, ² California and Nevada (died Jan. 25, 1941)-----	1935
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill-----	1936
Robert M. Rownd, ⁷ Ripley, N. Y-----	1937
John W. Carroll, ² North Dakota (died March 3, 1942)-----	1938
William W. Nixon, ² Kansas (senior vice, June 30, 1940; died Mar. 17, 1944)-----	1939
William H. McCoy, ² New Jersey (elected Sept. 9, 1940; died Nov. 16, 1941) -	1940
Rustan O. Reed, ² Washington (died Feb. 23, 1942)-----	1940
John S. Dumser, ⁸ Oakland, Calif-----	1941
Charles H. Perry, ² Minnesota (died in office)-----	

PAST ADJUTANTS GENERAL—LIVING

Darwin B. Wolcott, Los Angeles, Calif-----	1933
Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, Ill-----	1940

² Deceased.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁷ Chaplains in chief.⁸ Past commander in chief.

DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

(Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1943, 34. Posts, 13)

Department commander----- HENRY M. MINGAY, *Glendale*
Senior vice department commander----- CHARLES L. CHAPPEL, *Long Beach*
Junior vice department commander----- JAMES F. MARTIN, *Los Angeles*
Assistant adjutant general----- DARWIN B. WOLCOTT,⁵ *Los Angeles*

DELEGATE

Eli McKenney, Long Beach.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John E. Miller, ² (provisional), 1867.	W. S. Daubenspeck, ² 1909.
James Coey, ² 1868-69.	E. L. Hawk, ² 1910.
W. L. Campbell, ² 1870.	H. V. Parker, ² 1911.
W. E. McArthur, ² 1871-72.	W. R. Thomas, ² 1912.
W. H. Aiken, ² 1873-74.	G. M. Stormont, ² 1913.
A. Carlson, ² 1875.	B. B. Tuttle, ² 1914.
A. C. Bagley, ² 1876.	Hiram P. Thompson, ² 1915.
S. W. Backus, ² 1877.	A. E. Leavitt, ² 1916.
S. P. Ford, ² 1878-79.	C. H. Haskins, ² 1917.
C. Mason Kinne, ² 1880-81.	John H. Roberts, ² 1918.
W. A. Robinson, ² 1882.	R. C. Martin, ⁴ Los Angeles, 1919.
J. W. Staples, ² 1883.	George D. Kellogg, ² 1920 (died in office).
James M. Davis, ² 1884.	G. M. Burlingame, ² 1920.
R. H. Warfield, ² 1885.	William H. Noll, ² 1921.
W. R. Smedburg, ² 1886.	S. W. Hopkins, ² 1922.
E. S. Salomon, ² 1887.	James R. Milner, ² 1923.
T. H. Goodman, ² 1888.	George W. Grannis, ² 1924.
George E. Gard, ² 1889.	C. S. Stoddard, ² 1925.
A. J. Buckles, ² 1890.	Peter H. Mass, ² 1926.
W. H. L. Barnes, ² 1891.	W. A. Packard, ² 1927.
J. B. Fuller, ² 1892.	H. H. Woodruff, ² 1928.
E. C. Seymour, ² 1893.	Darwin B. Wolcott, ⁵ Los Angeles, 1929.
J. M. Walling, ² 1894.	John C. Chapman, ² 1930.
C. E. Wilson, ² 1895.	A. E. Vest, ² 1931.
T. C. Masteller, ³ 1896.	J. S. Dumser, ⁷ Oakland, 1932.
N. P. Chipman, ² 1897.	O. H. Mennet, ² 1933.
Sol Cahen, ² 1898.	Wm. H. Bostaph, ² 1934 (died in office).
A. F. Dill, ² 1899.	George N. Lockwood, Los Angeles, 1935.
George M. Mott, ² 1900.	S. R. Yoho, San Francisco, 1936.
George Stone, ² 1901.	John W. Grimes, ² 1937.
W. G. Hawley, ² 1902.	F. R. Young, ² 1938.
William R. Shafter, ² 1903.	Robert C. Blair, ² 1939.
Charles T. Rice, ² 1904.	Calvin H. Blanchard, Oakland, 1940.
W. W. Russell, ² 1905.	Elisha Ames, W. Los Angeles, 1941.
William C. Alberger, ² 1906.	Oliver H. Castle, ² 1942.
William G. Waters, ² 1907.	John W. Smith, ⁶ Santa Cruz, 1943.
Samuel Merrill, ² 1908.	

² Deceased.

³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

⁴ Adjutant general.

⁵ Past adjutant general.

⁶ National council of administration.

⁷ Past commander in chief.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. Clyde Millar,² 1893, transferred from Alabama.
 George Hoxworth,² 1897, transferred from Arizona.
 James P. Rhodes,² 1920, transferred from Arizona.
 D. P. Kyle,² 1921, transferred from Arizona.
 H. F. Wallace,² 1916, transferred from Arkansas.
 U. S. Hollister,² 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
 R. H. Mellette,² 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.
 P. Q. Stoner,² 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
 Silas Wilson,² 1919, transferred from Idaho.
 Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877, transferred from Illinois.
 John J. Steadman,² 1892, transferred from Iowa.
 O. H. Coulter, 1899,² transferred from Kansas.
 Perry H. Manchester,² 1900, transferred from Montana.
 A. V. Cole,² 1885, transferred from Nebraska.
 Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895, transferred from Nebraska.
 John W. Edwards,² 1902, transferred from New Mexico.
 H. B. Steward,² 1910, transferred from New Mexico.
 John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from New York.
 William A. Bentley,² 1891, transferred from North Dakota.
 J. P. Cummings,² 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.
 James E. Burns,² 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.
 W. H. Hornaday,² 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.
 W. S. Tilton,² 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.
 M. V. Lucas,² 1884–1886, transferred from South Dakota.
 E. T. Langley,² 1890, transferred from South Dakota.
 Phillip Lawrence,² 1900, transferred from South Dakota.
 Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902, transferred from South Dakota.
 M. A. Breeden,² 1900, transferred from Utah.
 William M. Bostaph,² 1902, transferred from Utah.
 Frank M. Davis,² 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 John J. See,² 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 O. D. McDonald,² 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.
 A. H. DeGroff,² 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

C. N. Boyer, Sacramento, 1941.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

J. M. Ferguson, Long Beach, 1941.

² Deceased.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

(Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1943, 8. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- GEORGE METZ, Fort Collins.
Senior vice department commander----- JOSEPH B. SMITH, Canon City.
Assistant adjutant general----- ROBERT F. BRYAN,⁴ Boulder.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft,² 1876.
 Andrew W. Taylor,² 1878-79.
 John W. Donnellan,² 1880-82.
 Eugene K. Stinson,² 1882-83.
 Byron L. Carr,² 1884.
 Aninman, V. Bohn,² 1885.
 Henry Bowman,² 1886.
 George Ady,² 1887.
 John W. Browning,² 1888.
 Thomas J. Fisher,² 1889.
 Delos L. Holden,² 1890.
 George W. Cook,² 1891.
 John C. Kennedy,² 1892.
 Myron W. Reed,² 1893.
 Nathaniel Rollins,² 1894.
 Nichols J. O'Brien,² 1895.
 Horace O. Dodge,² 1896.
 U. S. Hollister,² 1897 (See California and Nevada).
 Wm. T. S. May,² 1898.
 Andrew Royal,² 1899.
 Harper, M. Orahoad,² 1900.
 Linus E. Sherman,² 1901.
 James W. Huff,² 1902.
 Harrison S. Vaughan,² 1903.
 Thomas J. Downen,² 1904.
 George W. Curfman,² 1905.
 Loren C. Dana,² 1906.
 Richard H. Mellette,² 1907 (see California and Nevada).
 Henry C. Watson,² 1908.
 John W. Wingate,² 1909.
 William W. Ferguson,² 1910 (died in office).

William H. McDonald,² 1910.
 Dexter T. Sapp,² 1911.
 Henry M. Minor,² 1912.
 Cyrus A. Brooks,² 1913.
 O. S. Reed,² 1914.
 Frank O. Burdick,² 1915.
 James Moynahan,² 1916.
 James H. Comstock,² 1917.
 Asa Curl,² 1918.
 Carroll M. Bills,² 1919.
 Marshall S. Crawford,² 1920.
 James E. Jewel,² 1921.
 Samuel J. Capps,² 1922 (died in office).
 A. W. Hogle,² 1923.
 William Butler,² 1923.
 J. C. Plank,² 1924.
 J. L. Randall,² 1925.
 W. M. Robertson,² 1926.
 J. E. Laycock,² 1927.
 C. Ricketts,² 1928.
 W. E. Moses,² 1929 (died in office).
 R. Q. Tenney,² 1929.
 David N. Heiser,² 1930.
 E. C. Condit,² 1931.
 Alba J. Rawson,² 1932-33.
 Chas. H. Pridmore,² 1934.
 Tobias Mattox,² 1935.
 R. H. Hoffman,² 1936.
 Joshua C. Pearce,² 1937.
 Lewis H. Easterly,² 1938-43 (died in office).
 George Metz,³ Fort Collins, 1943.

² Deceased.

³ Department commander.

⁴ National council of administration.

CONNECTICUT (6)

(Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1943, 2. Post, 1)

Department commander----- CHARLES DOUGLAS,⁴ New Haven.
Senior vice department commander----- HIRAM DAVIS, Ridgefield.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland,² 1867.
 Theodore G. Ellis,² 1868-69.
 William A. Mallory,² 1870-71.
 L. A. Dickinson,² 1872-73.
 Charles S. Buckbee,² 1874-75.
 William E. Disbrow,² 1876-77.
 Frank G. Otis,² 1878.
 Frank E. Fowler,² 1878-79.
 George S. Smith,² 1880.
 Alfred B. Beers,² 1881.
 Ira E. Hicks,² 1882.
 Isaac C. Hyatt,² 1883.
 William Berry,² 1884.
 Frank D. Sloat,² 1885.
 John T. Crary,² 1886.
 Henry E. Taintor,² 1887.
 Samuel B. Horne,² 1888.
 William H. Pierpont,² 1889.
 John C. Broatch,² 1890.
 Henry N. Fanton,² 1891.
 Benajah P. Smith,² 1892.
 Wilbur F. Rogers,² 1893.
 Selah G. Blakeman,² 1894.
 John M. Brewer,² 1895.
 Oscar W. Cornish,² 1896.
 Gustav D. Bates,² 1897.
 William Simonds,² 1898.
 Henry R. Jones,² 1899.
 John K. Bucklyn,² 1900.
 Thomas Boudren,² 1901.
 N. Burton Rogers,² 1902.
 Morgan C. Bulkeley,² 1903.
 William C. Hilliard,² 1904.
 Albert A. May,² 1905.
 Virgil F. McNeil,² 1906.
 Charles A. Appel,² 1907.
 Edward Griswold,² 1908.

George Haven,² 1909.
 Edson S. Bishop,⁵ 1910.
 Richard J. Cutbill,² 1911.
 William H. Dougal,² 1912.
 James R. Sloane,² 1913.
 Fred V. Streeter,² 1914.
 Charles Griswold,² 1915.
 Henry J. Seeley,² 1916.
 Benjamin H. Cheney,² 1917.
 Christian Quien,² 1918.
 George T. Meech,² 1919.
 Randolph Williamson,² 1920.
 Christian Swartz,² 1921.
 Orrin M. Price,² 1922.
 John L. Saxe,² 1923.
 Ira R. Wildman,² 1924.
 James W. Davis,² 1925.
 James R. Young,² 1926.
 Charles M. Shailer,² 1927.
 George A. Tucker,² 1928.
 James Haggerty,² 1929.
 Frank A. Cargill,² 1930.
 Henry W. Burrill,² 1931.
 Lewis L. Baker,² 1932.
 Edward T. Abbott,² 1933.
 Lyman H. Call,² 1934.
 Caspar D. Wallace,² 1935.
 Edward A. Pinkney,² 1936 (died in office).
 Russell Van Deusen,² 1936.
 Charles Douglas,⁴ New Haven, 1937.
 Truman N. Parsons,² 1938.
 Nathan Coe,² 1939-40.
 Truman N. Parsons,² 1941-42 (died in office).
 Charles Douglas,⁴ New Haven, 1943.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Not a member of the order.

DELAWARE (23)

(Organized January 14, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1943, 1)

Department commander----- ISAIAH FASSETT,⁴ Berlin, Md.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair,² 1881.
 John Wainwright,² 1882.
 Daniel Ross,² 1883.
 C. M. Carey,² 1884.
 J. S. Litzenberg,² 1885.
 J. M. Dunn,² 1886.
 J. E. Mowbrey,² 1887.
 R. G. Buckingham,² 1888.
 Peter B. Ayars,² 1889.
 Samuel Lewis,² 1890.
 A. J. Woodman,² 1891.
 G. W. Stradley,² 1892.
 B. D. Bogia,² 1893.
 J. E. Vantine,² 1894.
 E. F. Wood,² 1895.
 William B. Norton,² 1896.
 J. S. Bradley,² 1897.
 Robert Liddell,² 1898.
 William H. Moystin,² 1899.
 William A. Reilly,² 1900.
 John W. Worall,² 1901.
 John C. Garner,² 1902.
 William G. Baugh, Sr.,² 1903.
 William Kelley, Jr.,² 1904.
 William Tharp,² 1905.
 Ira Lunt,² 1906.
 Jesse Hellings,² 1907.
 H. W. Perkins,² 1908.
 William H. Blake,² 1909.
 George C. Morton,² 1910.
 William Mendenhall,² 1911.
 Jesse K. Baylis,² 1912.
 J. R. Armstrong,² 1913.
 J. T. Rheims,² 1914.
 John P. Riley,² 1915.

S. Sherwood Johnson,² 1916.
 J. T. Alexander,² 1917.
 Orrin J. Cook,² 1918.
 R. Harry Williams,² 1919.
 C. A. W. Frishmuth,² 1920.
 William A. Truitt,² 1921.
 Charles Zerby,² 1922.
 Nathaniel L. Henderson,² 1923.
 Charles R. Lewis,² 1924.
 William H. Middleton,² 1925.
 R. G. Buckingham,² 1926.
 William Buckius,² 1927.
 Charles S. Waters,² 1928.
 James T. Twigg,² 1929.
 James Lynn,² 1930.
 Moses Weil,² 1931 (died in office).
 James Lynn,² 1931.
 James T. Twigg,² 1932.
 George H. Weldin,² 1933.
 W. Harry Patterson,² 1934.
 Lewis Morse,² 1935 (died in office).
 Thomas J. Hammonds,² 1935-36.
 Jacob C. Steele,² 1937-38.
 August A. Owens,² 1939 (died in office).
 Henry Banzett,² 1939.
 George W. Baker, Sr.,² 1940 (died in office).
 Joseph T. Berry,² 1941 (died in office).
 Joseph Hynson,² 1941.
 Joseph W. Showalter,² 1942 (died in office).
 Joseph W. Hynson,² 1942 (died in office).
 Benjamin F. Scott,² 1943 (died in office).
 Isaiah Fassett,⁴ Berlin, Md., 1943.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

FLORIDA (36)

(Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1943, 1. Post, 1)

Department Commander-----LOGAN J. DYKE,⁴ Union City, Pa.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth,² 1884-85.
 G. H. Norton,² 1886.
 E. W. Henck,² 1887.
 William James,² 1888.
 J. W. V. R. Plummer,² 1889.
 Fred S. Goodrich,³ 1890.
 John H. Welsh,³ 1891.
 J. De V. Hazzard,² 1892.
 George F. Foote,² 1893.
 David L. Way,² 1894.
 P. E. McMurray,² 1895.
 L. V. Jenness,² 1896.
 Charles M. Ellis,² 1897.
 George Packwood,² 1898.
 Edwin Kirby,² 1899.
 J. S. Fairhead,² 1900.
 F. C. Parcell,² 1901.
 S. Herbert Lancy,² 1902.
 J. F. Chase,² 1903.
 Henry Marcotte,² 1904.
 Thomas J. Owen,² 1905.
 William E. Emerson,² 1906.
 Samuel W. Fox,² 1907.
 S. R. Hudson,² 1908.
 James Skinner,² 1909.
 James O. Thompson,² 1910.
 Joseph Bumby,² 1911.
 William P. Lynch,² 1912.
 William S. Siggins,² 1913.
 Lyman Leighton,² 1914.

James F. Bullard,² 1915.
 W. H. Melrath,² 1916.
 John A. Wallace,² 1917.
 H. B. Jeffries,² 1918.
 Theodore W. B. Brake² (died in office),
 1919.
 George E. Field,² 1919.
 Imri A. Spencer,² 1920.
 G. W. Brown,² 1921.
 C. J. Rose,² 1922.
 Samuel Sage,² 1923.
 James Campbell,² 1924.
 A. C. Shaffer² (died in office), 1925.
 J. A. Brown² (died in office), 1925.
 J. H. DeGraw,² 1926.
 A. R. Sawyer,² 1926.
 Wayne W. Blossom,² 1927.
 D. S. Hunter,² 1928.
 A. W. Lathrop,² 1929.
 C. E. Beach,² 1930.
 James H. Simpson,² 1931.
 Logan J. Dyke,⁴ Union City, Pa., 1932.
 D. S. Hunter,² 1933-35.
 C. H. Parker,² 1936.
 Charles W. Eldredge,² 1937.
 C. J. Rose,² 1938.
 W. C. Russell,³ 1939.
 C. J. Rose,² 1940-42 (died in office).
 Logan J. Dyke,⁴ Union City, Pa., 1943.

S. H. Wood,² 1905, transferred from Vermont.
 C. E. Beach,² 1908, transferred from Vermont.
 A. P. Rounseville,² 1895, transferred from North Dakota.
 Samuel Baughman,² 1926, transferred from Kansas.
 F. M. Underwood,² 1915; 1934-37, transferred from Tennessee.

² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.

IDAHO (39)

(Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1943, 1. Post, 0)

Department commander----- ISRAEL A. BROADSWORD,⁴ Samuels.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye,² 1888.
 A. S. Senter,² 1889.
 W. T. Riley,² 1890.
 Judson Spofford,² 1891.
 A. O. Ingalls,² 1892.
 R. H. Barton,² 1893.
 T. J. Groome,² 1894.
 D. H. Budlong,² 1895.
 J. L. Fuller,² 1896.
 Lindol Smith,² 1897.
 N. F. Kimball,² 1898.
 S. L. Thompson,² 1899.
 Charles A. Clark,² 1900.
 William C. Maxey,² 1901.
 George M. Parsons,² 1902.
 E. S. Whittier,² 1903.
 C. F. Drake,² 1904.
 George A. Manning,² 1905.
 Alfred Anderson,² 1906.
 A. M. Rowe,² 1907.
 William K. Jameson,² 1908.
 Stewart Young,² 1909.
 Willard White,² 1910.
 M. W. Wood,² 1911.
 J. W. Shields,² 1912.
 A. G. Nettleton,² 1913.
 H. J. Newhouse,² 1914.
 William H. Cable,² 1915.

R. H. Barnes,² 1916.
 George F. Kimery,² 1917.
 F. T. Page,² 1918.
 Silas Wilson,² 1919 (see California and Nevada.)
 John Carr,² 1920.
 William S. Hawkes,² 1921.
 William Bower,² 1922.
 F. J. Titus,³ Nampa, 1923.
 C. L. Longley,² 1924.
 George Gardner,² 1925.
 John S. Thorp,² 1926.
 R. P. Drury,² 1927.
 W. J. Neely,² 1928.
 Otto F. Steen,² 1929.
 S. H. McCullough,² 1930.
 W. H. Johns,² 1931.
 Jeremiah Williams,² 1932.
 T. W. Johnston,² 1933 (died in office).
 George N. Kingsbury,² 1934.
 E. A. Paddock,² 1934.
 Frank Williams,² 1935.
 George N. Kingsbury,² 1936.
 James P. Taylor,² 1937.
 Elisha White,² 1938 (died in office).
 Elder Smith,² 1938.
 Albert G. Jones,² 1939-43 (died in office).
 Israel Broadsword,⁴ 1943.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

ILLINOIS (1)

(Organized, April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1943, 18. Posts, 11)

Department commander----- WILLIAM P. LOCKWOOD, Kankakee.
Senior vice department commander----- WILLIAM M. LIVINGSTON, Peoria.
Junior vice department commander----- JAMES H. LEWIS, Chicago.
Assistant adjutant general----- HIRAM H. SHUMATE,¹ Riverton.

DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Lewis Fablinger, Downers Grove	William M. Prater, Quincy

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson, ² 1866.	Edwin H. Buck, ² 1906.
John M. Palmer, ² 1867.	A. C. Mathews, ² 1907.
Thomas S. Osborne, ² 1868-70.	Joseph Rosenbaum, ² 1908.
Charles E. Lippincott, ² 1871.	Philip C. Hayes, ² 1909.
Hubert Dilger, ² 1872.	James A. Connolly, ² 1910.
Guy T. Gould, ² 1873.	C. C. Duffy, ² 1911.
H. H. Hilliard, ² 1874-76.	Thomas H. Gault, ² 1912.
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² 1877 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Crowder, ² 1913.
T. B. Coulter, ² 1878.	Samuel Fallows, ² 1914.
Edgar D. Swain, ² 1878-80.	John M. Snyder, ² 1915.
J. W. Burst, ² 1881.	W. F. Calhoun, ² 1916.
Thomas G. Lawler, ² 1882.	C. S. Bentley, ² 1917.
Samuel A. Harper, ² 1883.	Joseph W. Fifer, ² 1918.
L. T. Dickason, ² 1884.	Henry D. Fulton, ² 1919.
W. W. Berry, ² 1885.	Edwin N. Armstrong, ² 1920.
Philip Sidney Post, ² 1886.	William P. Wright, ² 1921.
A. C. Sweetser, ² 1887.	E. P. Bartlett, ² 1922 (died in office).
James A. Sexton, ² 1888.	J. M. Oulson, ² 1922.
James S. Martin, ² 1889.	William J. Libberton, ² 1923.
William L. Distin, ² 1890.	Philip Smith, ² 1924.
Horace S. Clark, ² 1891.	O. R. Kenney, ² 1925.
Edwin Harlan, ² 1892.	John E. Andrew, ² 1926.
Edwin A. Blodgett, ² 1893.	D. H. Harper, ² 1927.
H. H. McDowell, ² 1894.	Charles T. Marsh, ² 1928.
William H. Powell, ² 1895.	H. B. Davidson, ² 1929.
W. G. Cochran, ² 1896.	A. C. Best, ² 1930.
A. L. Schimpff, ² 1897.	James H. Campbell, ² 1931.
John C. Black, ² 1898.	H. C. First, ² 1932 (died in office).
John B. Inman, ² 1899.	Wm. O'Callaghan, ² 1932.
J. M. Longnecker, ² 1900.	George A. Robinson, ² 1933.
N. B. Thistlewood, ² 1901.	William N. Hodge, ² 1934.
H. M. Trimble, ² 1902.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1935.
Benson Wood, ² 1903.	William N. Hodge, ² 1936.
Robert Mann Woods, ² 1904.	John E. Andrew, ² 1937-38.
John C. Smith, ² 1905.	Thomas Ambrose, ⁵ Chicago, 1939.
	Hiram Shumate, ⁶ Riverton, 1940-43.
Milton J. Stewart, ² 1885, transferred from Kansas.	
Charles M. Travis, ² 1889, transferred from Indiana.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Past senior vice commander in chief.⁶ Junior vice commander in chief.

INDIANA (20)

(Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1943, 10. Posts, 8)

Department commander-----ISAAC W. SHARP,¹ Warsaw.
Senior vice department commander-----JOHN F. SMITH, Marion.
Junior vice department commander-----W. E. WHITTINGHILL, Lebanon.
Assistant adjutant general-----JOHN C. ADAMS, Jonesboro.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, ² 1866; 1868.	Orlando A. Somers, ² 1909.
Nathan Kimball, ² 1867.	Alexander P. Asbury, ² 1910.
Oliver M. Wilson, ² 1869.	Daniel Waugh, ² 1911.
Louis Humphrey, ² 1870-71.	Frank Swigart, ² 1912 (died in office).
Jonathan B. Hagar, ² 1879	Wilbur E. Gorsuch, ² 1912.
Samuel E. Armstrong, ² 1880.	Daniel W. Comstock, ² 1913.
William W. Dudley, ² 1881.	A. B. Crampton, ² 1914.
James R. Carnahan, ² 1882-83.	Lewis King, ² 1915.
Edwin Nicar, ² 1884.	V. V. Williams, ² 1916.
David N. Foster, ² 1885.	Samuel M. Hench, ² 1917.
Thomas W. Bennett, ² 1886.	Alonzo Murphy, ² 1918.
Ira J. Chase, ² 1887.	William F. Medsker, ² 1919.
Argus D. Vanosdol, ² 1888.	Robert W. McBride, ² 1920.
Chas. M. Travis, ² 1889 (see Illinois).	Richard H. Tyner, ² 1921.
Gil R. Stormont, ² 1890.	William A. Kelsey, ² 1922.
Ivan N. Walker, ² 1891.	Albert J. Ball, ² 1923.
Joseph B. Cheadle, ² 1892.	F. M. VanPelt, ² 1924.
James T. Johnston, ² 1893.	David Strouse, ² 1925.
Albert O. Marsh, ² 1894.	James W. Spain, ² 1926.
Harvey B. Shively, ² 1895.	John H. Hoffman, ² 1927.
Henry M. Caylor, ² 1896.	W. F. Molyneaux, ² 1928.
James S. Dodge, ² 1897.	Charles E. Hale, ² 1929.
Daniel Ryan, ² 1898.	Isaac B. Austin, ² 1930 (died in office).
William L. Dunlap, ² 1899.	James Kilmartin, ² 1930.
David E. Beem, ² 1900.	F. M. McNair, ² 1931.
Milton Garrigus, ² 1901.	James Bowden, ² 1932.
Benjamin Starr, ² 1902.	Jasper N. Callicott, ² 1933.
George W. Grubbs, ² 1903.	John F. McKinley, ² 1934 (died in office).
Daniel R. Lucas, ² 1904.	Edward McClelland, ² 1935.
Marine D. Tackett, ² 1905.	Quincey A. Hunt, ² 1936.
Edmund R. Brown, ² 1906.	John H. Stone, ² 1937-41 (died in office).
William A. Ketcham, ² 1907.	David S. Moist, ² 1942.
John D. Alexander, ² 1908.	Isaac W. Sharp, ⁴ Warsaw, 1942-43.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

IOWA (19)

(Organized September 26, 1866; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1943, 18. Post, 1)

Department Commander----- **JOHN M. GUDGEL**,^{1 5} Shenandoah.
Senior vice department commander----- **JAMES P. MARTIN**,^{1 4} Sutherland.
Junior vice department commander----- **ROBERT A. MILLEN**, Melcher.
Assistant Adjutant General----- **DAVID SISK**,¹ Marshalltown.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, ² 1874-75.	J. D. Brown, ² 1912.
A. A. Perkins, ² 1876-78.	J. W. Willett, ² 1913.
H. E. Griswold, ² 1879.	Byron C. Ward, ² 1914.
W. F. Conrad, ² 1880.	John F. Merry, ² 1915.
Peter V. Carey, ² 1881.	John H. Mills, ² 1916.
George B. Hugin, ² 1882.	J. L. Farrington, ² 1917.
John B. Cook, ² 1883.	E. J. C. Bealer, ² 1918.
E. G. Miller, ² 1884.	A. G. Beatty, ² 1919.
W. R. Manning, ² 1885.	R. L. Chase, ² 1920.
W. A. McHenry, ² 1886.	J. B. Harsh, ² 1921.
J. M. Tuttle, ² 1887.	L. J. Kron, ² 1922.
E. A. Consigny, ² 1888.	W. W. Gist, ² 1923 (died in office).
Charles H. Smith, ² 1889.	W. S. Freeman, ² 1923.
Mason P. Mills, ² 1890.	W. H. Needham, ² 1924 (died in office).
Charles L. Davidson, ² 1891.	D. B. Cowles, ² 1924 (died in office).
J. J. Steadman, ² 1892 (see California and Nevada).	Orlando S. Hartman, ² 1925.
Phil. Schaller, ² 1893.	Frank Dagle, ² 1925.
George A. Newman, ² 1894.	E. J. Stonebraker, ² 1925.
J. K. P. Thompson, ² 1895.	Oley Nelson, ² 1927.
Josiah Given, ² 1896.	J. W. Stratton, ² 1928.
A. H. Evans, ² 1897.	John K. Ewing, ² 1929 (died in office).
R. W. Tirrell, ² 1898.	Joseph Pratt, ² 1930.
C. F. Bailey, ² 1899.	Watson Ridsen, ² 1930.
M. B. Davis, ² 1900.	John T. Lucas, ² 1931.
George Metzger, ² 1901.	T. J. Noll, ² 1932.
John Lindt, ² 1902.	Frank L. Quade, ⁶ Dubuque, 1933.
L. B. Raymond, ² 1903.	L. J. Leech, ² 1934.
R. T. St. John, ² 1904.	Horace B. Kelly, ² 1935 (died in office).
S. H. Harper, ² 1905.	J. C. Hanes, ² 1935.
C. A. Clark, ² 1906.	John P. Risley, ² 1936-37 (died in office).
D. J. Palmer, ² 1907.	Michael Hawk, ² 1938.
J. C. Milliman, ² 1908.	James W. Willett, ² 1939 (died in office).
M. McDonald, ² 1909.	Jacob J. Neuman, ² 1940.
H. A. Dyer, ² 1910.	Elliott P. Taylor, ² 1941.
Lot Abraham, ² 1911.	John M. Gudgel, ^{1 5} Shenandoah, 1942.
	David S. Sisk, ^{1 3} Marshalltown, 1943.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Assistant adjutant general.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Inspector general.⁶ Past senior vice commander in chief.

KANSAS (22)

(Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1943, 8. Post, 1)

Department commander-----ALONZO McMURPHY,⁴ Sterling.
Senior vice department commander-----CHARLES WINGROVE, Clay Center.
Junior vice department commander-----J. W. MOLLOY,⁵ Ft. Dodge.
Assistant adjutant general-----J. A. LOTT, McPherson.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, ² 1866-67.	J. N. Harrison, ² 1912-13.
John Carpenter, ² 1868.	Ira D. Brougher, ² 1914.
W. S. Jenkins, ² 1872 (see Missouri).	C. A. Meek, ² 1915.
Stephen A. Cobb, ² 1873.	R. M. Painter, ² 1916.
John Guthrie, ² 1876.	A. C. Pierce, ² 1917.
J. H. Gilpatrick, ² 1877-1878.	W. W. Smith, ² 1918.
J. C. Walkinshaw, ² 1879-1882.	Theodore Gardner, ² 1919.
Thomas J. Anderson, ² 1883.	Joseph A. Walter, ² 1920.
Homer W. Pond, ² 1884.	George P. Washburn, ² 1821 (died in office).
Milton J. Stewart, ² 1885 (see Illinois).	E. W. Bowman, ² 1921.
C. J. McDivett, ² 1886.	William W. Dennison, ² 1922.
T. H. Soward, ² 1887 (see Oklahoma).	William H. Mitchell, ² 1923.
J. W. Feighan, ² 1888.	Andrew Graff, ² 1924.
Henry Booth, ² 1889.	Fred Jackson, ² 1925.
Ira A. Collins, ² 1890.	Samuel Baughman, ² 1926 (see Florida).
Timothy McCarthy, ² 1891.	R. H. McWhorter, ² 1927.
A. R. Green, ² 1892.	H. I. Merrill, ² 1928.
Bernard Kelly, ² 1893.	J. W. Priddy, ² 1929.
W. P. Campbell, ² 1894.	C. K. King, ² 1930.
John P. Harris, ² 1895.	E. W. Phillips, ² 1931.
W. C. Whitney, ² 1896.	J. H. Harvey, ² 1932 (died in office).
Theo. Botkin, ² 1897.	Grear Nagel, ² 1932 (died in office).
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898 (see Oklahoma).	H. W. Wardell, ² 1932.
O. H. Coulter, ² 1899 (see California and Nevada).	W. B. Rhodes, ² 1933.
W. W. Martin, ² 1900.	W. W. Nixon, ² 1934.
J. B. Remington, ² 1901.	A. O. Gere, ² 1935.
H. C. Loomis, ² 1902.	J. H. Getty, ² 1936.
Abraham W. Smith, ² 1903.	Henry Keller, ² 1937.
Charles Harris, ² 1904.	Philip Weinrich, ² 1938.
P. H. Coney, ² 1905-06.	T. B. Williams, ² 1939.
R. A. Campbell, ² 1907.	J. W. Malloy, ⁵ Dodge City, 1940.
W. A. Morgan, ² 1908.	George Schreiner, 1941.
Joel H. Rickel, ² 1909.	J. P. Fair, ² 1942.
Nathan E. Harmon, ² 1910.	William W. Nixon, ² 1943.
T. P. Anderson, ² 1911.	

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Junior vice department commander.

KENTUCKY (27)

(Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1943, 3. Post, 0)

Department commander----- ROBERT BARRETT,¹ Princeton.
Senior vice department commander----- ROBERT ALSIP, Corbin.
Junior vice department commander----- JOHN HENDRICKS, Hopkinsville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, ² 1883.	R. B. Hewetson, ² 1909.
W. H. Harton, ² 1884.	Sanford D. Van Pelt, ² 1910.
George W. Northup, ² 1885.	Charles C. Degman, ² 1911.
T. Z. Morrow, 1886.	John Barr, ² 1912.
William Bowman, ² 1887.	W. J. L. Hughes, ² 1913.
Orrin A. Reynolds, ² 1888.	Edward Farley, ² 1914.
Vincent Boreing, ² 1889.	John T. Gunn, ² 1915.
Michael Minton, ² 1890.	Sam D. Brown, ² 1916.
Samuel G. Hills, ² 1891.	J. R. Howard, ² 1917.
Edward H. Hobson, ² 1892.	T. A. Casey, ² 1918.
T. Edward Livezey, ² 1893.	Andrew Offut, ² 1919.
Daniel O'Riley, ² 1894.	M. H. Davidson, ² 1920.
Robert M. Kelly, ² 1895.	Jacob Seibert, ² 1921.
Americus Whedon, ² 1896.	John T. English, ² 1922.
Andrew J. Tharp, ² 1897.	E. F. Tucker, ² 1923.
J. W. Hammond, ² 1898.	C. C. Furr, ² 1924.
Joseph H. Browning, ² 1899.	J. D. Compton, ² 1925.
L. M. Drye, ² 1900.	Albert Scott, ² 1926 (died in office).
John Blaes, ² 1901.	Cyrus Edwards, ² 1926-28.
T. F. Beyland, ² 1902.	John T. Thompson, ² 1929.
W. G. Force, ² 1903.	Robert T. Smith, ² 1930-33.
William T. Bausmith, ² 1904.	Charles L. Dudley, ² 1934-36.
Bernard Matthews, ² 1905.	R. R. Graham, ² 1937-43 (died in office).
George Grimstead, ² 1906.	Robert Barrett, Sr., ⁴ Princeton, 1943.
Le Vant Dodge, ² 1907-08.	

¹ National council of administration.² Deceased.⁴ Department commander.

MAINE (9)

(Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1943, 9. Posts, 11)

Department commander----- GEORGE F. STUART,⁴ Freeport
Senior vice department commander----- GEORGE H. JONES,³ Oxford
Junior vice department commander----- OTIS L. COFFIN, Freeport
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN W. PALMER, Waldoboro

DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Zachary McLaughlin, Phillips	Melvin Jellison, Clifton

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal, ² 1868-69.	Woodbury K. Dana, ² 1908.
Charles P. Mattocks, ² 1870-71.	Augustus W. McCausland, ² 1909.
Daniel White, ² 1872-73.	John W. Webster, ² 1910.
Selden Connor, ² 1874-75.	Edwin Riley, ² 1911.
Nelson Howard, ² 1876.	William H. Holston, ² 1912.
John D. Myrick, ² 1877.	John F. Lamb, ² 1913.
Augustus C. Hamlin, ² 1878.	Thomas S. Benson, ² 1914.
Windsor B. Smith, ² 1879.	Simon S. Andrews, ² 1915.
Isaac S. Bangs, ² 1880.	Tobias L. Eastman, ² 1916.
William G. Haskell, ² 1881.	John Quincy Adams, ² 1917.
Augustus B. Farnham, ² 1882.	Fred A. Motley, ² 1918.
Elisha M. Shaw, ² 1883.	George W. Goulding, ² 1919.
Benjamin Williams, ² 1884.	Henry E. Merriam, ² 1920.
James A. Hall, ² 1885.	Edward A. Butler, ² 1921.
Samuel W. Lane, ² 1886.	George A. Gay, ² 1922.
Richard K. Gatley, ² 1887.	Ezekiel H. Hanson, ² 1923.
Horace H. Burbank, ² 1888.	Charles E. Nason, ² 1924.
Franklin M. Drew, ² 1889.	Albert R. Hill, ² 1925.
John D. Anderson, ² 1890.	Nathaniel W. White, ² 1926.
Samuel L. Miller, ² 1891.	Nahum H. Pillsbury, ² 1927.
Isaac Dyer, ² 1892.	Nelson R. Brown, ² 1928.
Wainwright Cushing, ² 1893.	Samuel F. Emerson, ² 1929.
J. Wesley Gilman, ² 1894.	F. S. Philbrick, ² 1930.
William H. Green, ² 1895.	Simon C. Hastings, ² 1931.
Lorenzo J. Carver, ² 1896.	John W. Fogler, ² 1932.
Leroy T. Carleton, ² 1897.	George T. Benson, Oakland, 1933.
Charles A. Southard, ² 1898.	John B. Sawtelle, ² 1934.
Frederick Robie, ² 1899.	Joseph W. Lake, ² 1935.
Seth T. Snipe, ² 1900.	Charles F. Tibbetts, ² 1936.
William Z. Clayton, ² 1901.	Oliver N. Leavitt, ² 1937.
James L. Merrick, ² 1902.	John W. Palmer, Waldoboro, ⁵ 1938.
Joshua L. Chamberlain, ² 1903.	Frank J. Savage, ² 1939.
Edwin C. Milliken, ² 1904.	George H. Jones, ¹ Oxford, 1940.
Henry O. Perry, ² 1905.	John W. Palmer, 1941.
Frederick S. Walls, ² 1906.	Otis L. Coffin, ⁶ Freeport, 1942.
Frank F. Goss, ² 1907.	George F. Stuart, Freeport, 1943.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Commander in chief.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Assistant adjutant general.⁶ Junior vice department commander.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

(Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1943, 11. Posts, 8)

Department commander----- CHARLES B. BURT, Springfield.
 Assistant adjutant general----- GEORGE A. GAY,¹ Nashua, N. H

DELEGATE

William H. Burns, Attleboro.

ALTERNATE

Henry B. Vogel, East Weymouth.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman,² 1866-67.
 A. B. R. Sprague,² 1868.
 Francis A. Osborn,² 1869.
 James L. Bates,² 1870.
 William Cogswell,² 1871.
 Henry R. Sibley,³ 1872.
 Adin B. Underwood,² 1873.
 John W. Kimball,² 1874.
 George S. Merrill,² 1875.
 Horace B. Sargent,² 1876-78.
 John G. B. Adams,² 1879.
 John A. Hawes,² 1880.
 George W. Creasey,² 1881.
 George H. Patch,² 1882.
 George S. Evans,² 1883.
 John D. Billings,² 1884.
 John W. Hersey,² 1885.
 Richard F. Tobin,² 1886.
 Charles D. Nash,² 1887.
 Myron P. Walker,² 1888.
 George L. Goodale,² 1889.
 George H. Innis,² 1890.
 Arthur A. Smith,² 1891.
 James K. Churchill,² 1892.
 Eli W. Hall,² 1893.
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee,² 1894.
 Joseph W. Thayer,² 1895.
 William P. Derby,² 1896.
 John M. Deane,² 1897.
 William H. Bartlett,² 1898.
 John E. Gilman,² 1899.
 Peter D. Smith,² 1900.
 Silas A. Barton,² 1901.
 W. W. Blackmar,² 1902.
 Dwight O. Judd,² 1903.
 Lucius Field,² 1904.
 James H. Wolff,² 1905.
 J. Payson Bradley,² 1906.
 Daniel H. L. Gleason,² 1907.

Alfred S. Roe,² 1908.
 John L. Parker,² 1909.
 J. Willard Brown,² 1910 (died in office).
 Granville C. Fiske,² 1910-11.
 George A. Hosley,² 1912.
 Thomas J. Ames,² 1913.
 John M. Woods,² 1914.
 Alfred H. Knowles,² 1915.
 Francis E. Mole,² 1916.
 Daniel E. Denny,² 1917.
 Edwin P. Stanley,² 1918.
 George W. Wilder,² 1919.
 Horace Goodwin,² 1920.
 Edwin F. Morrill,² 1921.
 Henry Clark,² 1922.
 George W. Pratt,² 1923.
 Benjamin A. Ham,² 1924.
 William L. Gage,² 1925 (died in office).
 Henry H. Comey,² 1925.
 William F. Brown,² 1926 (died in office).
 Henry A. Monk,² 1927.
 Edwin J. Foster,² 1928.
 James H. Webb,² 1929.
 Alvin C. Howes,² 1930 (died in office).
 Waldo Turner,² 1930-1931.
 Edwin H. Lincoln,² 1932.
 Frederick H. Bishop,² 1933.
 George A. Gay,^{1 4} Nashua, N. H., 1934.
 George W. Green,² 1935.
 Chas. L. Robinson,² 1936.
 John E. Bronson,² 1937.
 Joseph F. Stoddard,² 1938.
 Charles E. Miles,² 1939.
 Dudley L. Page,² 1940.
 Samuel Snow,² 1941 (died in office).
 George N. Alden,² 1942.
 Charles F. Staples,² 1943-44 (died in office).

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.

MICHIGAN (18)

(Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1943, 21. Posts, 6)

Department commander----- MARTIN J. WARNER,^{1 4} Grand Rapids.
Senior vice department commander----- RALPH TOWNER, Allegan.
Junior vice department commander----- GEORGE MORGAN, Grosse Pointe Park
Assistant adjutant general----- WILLIAM H. FERGUSON,^{1 5} Kent City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger (provisional), ² 1867.	Samuel J. Lawrence, ² 1910.
William A. Throop, ² 1868.	George W. Stone, ² 1911.
William Humphrey, ² 1869-70.	John T. Spillane, ² 1912.
Byron R. Pierce, ² 1881-82.	Frank R. Chase, ² 1913.
A. T. McReynolds, ² 1880.	Riley L. Jones, ² 1914.
C. V. R. Pond, ² 1878-79.	Henry C. Rankin, ² 1915 (died in office).
Oscar A. Janes, ² 1883.	Eli Strong, ² 1915.
Rush J. Shank, ² 1884.	L. H. Ives, ² 1916.
Charles D. Long, ² 1885.	William O. Lee, ² 1917.
John Northwood, ² 1886.	David S. Howard, ² 1918.
L. G. Rutherford, ² 1887.	Edwin F. Lamb, ² 1919.
Washington Gardner, ² 1888.	Henry Spaulding, ² 1920.
Michael Brown, 1889. ² (See Montana.)	J. J. Holmes, ² 1921.
Henry M. Duffield, ² 1890.	William Mears, ² 1922.
Charles L. Eaton, ² 1891.	Lyman A. L. Gilbert, ² 1923.
Henry S. Dean, ² 1892.	Marvin C. Barney, ² 1924.
James H. Kidd, ² 1893.	John Steel, ² 1925.
Louis Kanitz, ² 1894.	James R. Stephenson, ² 1926.
S. B. Daboll, ² 1895.	Charles A. Bartlett, ² 1927.
William Shakespeare, ² 1896.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1928-30.
Aaron T. Bliss, ² 1897.	Orestus Blake, ² 1931-32.
Alex Patrick, ² 1898.	C. M. Cook, ² 1933 (died in office).
Russell R. Pealer, ² 1899.	John Killeen, ² 1933.
Ethel M. Allen, ² 1900.	Frank D. Keeler, ² 1934.
James Van Kleeck, ² 1901.	Ira M. Stewart, ² 1935-36.
Edward C. Anthony, ² 1902.	S. H. Carlton, ² 1937.
D. B. K. Van Raalte, ² 1903.	A. C. Estabrook, ² 1938.
George H. Hopkins, ² 1904.	A. F. Chappelle, ² 1939.
E. C. Cannon, ² 1905.	A. C. Estabrook, ² (died in office), 1940.
Joseph P. Griswold, ² 1906.	Martin J. Warner, ^{1 4} Grand Rapids, 1940.
William Jibb, ² 1907.	John M. Park, ² 1941.
Charles E. Foote, ² 1908 (died in office).	Orlando Le Valley, ¹ Caro, 1942.
George L. Holmes, ² 1908.	William H. Ferguson, ^{1 5} Kent City, 1943.
James M. Greenfield, ² 1909.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar, 1942.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Martin A. Loop, Adrian, 1942.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Quartermaster general.

MINNESOTA (24)

(Organized August 14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1943, 10. Posts, 5)

Department commander ----- ALBERT WOOLSON,⁴ Duluth
Senior vice department commander----- ANSON B. BAKER, St. Paul
Junior vice department commander----- HENRY MACK,¹ Minneapolis
Assistant adjutant general----- LOUIS E. QUINT,^{1 3} Minneapolis

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks,² 1868.
 Henry A. Castle,² 1872-74.
 George H. Johnson,² 1876.
 Adam Marty,² 1881-82.
 John P. Rea,² 1883.
 E. B. Rabb,² 1884.
 R. A. Becker,² 1885.
 William Thomas,² 1886.
 L. L. Wheelock,² 1887.
 James H. Ege,² 1888.
 Alphonse Barto,⁴ 1889.
 James Compton,² 1890.
 Charles D. Parker,² 1891.
 L. M. Lange,² 1892.
 John Day Smith,² 1893.
 Samuel R. Van Sant,² 1894.
 Ell Torrance,² 1895.
 J. J. McCardy,² 1896.
 E. B. Wood,² 1897.
 E. W. Mortimer,² 1898.
 D. B. Searle,² 1899.
 Gdeon S. Ives,² 1900.
 William H. Harries,² 1901.
 Perry Starkweather,² 1902.
 Isaac L. Mahan,² 1903.
 Harrison White,² 1904.
 C. F. MacDonald,² 1905.
 Levi Longfellow,² 1906.
 George A. Whitney,² 1907.
 Marcus W. Bates,² 1908.
 Loren W. Collins,² 1909.
 Philip G. Woodward,² 1910.
 J. A. Everett,² 1911.

William P. Roberts,² 1912.
 Charles H. Taylor,² 1913.
 Charles H. Hopkins,² 1914.
 Watson W. Hall,² 1915.
 Charles Van Campen,² 1916.
 Silas H. Towler,² 1917.
 Edwin F. Kenrick,² 1918.
 J. D. Budd,² 1919.
 J. A. Town,² 1920.
 S. W. Powell,² 1921.
 E. Z. Rasey,² 1922.
 W. H. Harrison,² 1923.
 S. E. Mahan,² 1924.
 W. T. Scram,² 1925.
 P. G. Gorman,² 1926.
 Jacob Zuber,² 1927.
 T. P. Garrett,² 1928.
 T. H. Peacock,² 1929.
 W. H. Palmer,² 1930.
 W. L. Hilliard,² 1931.
 C. M. Peet,² 1932.
 Omar H. Case,² 1933.
 Charles H. Cotton,² 1934.
 M. Mullen,² 1935.
 W. W. Holcomb,² 1936.
 Freman A. Caswell,² 1937 (died in office).
 L. E. Carpenter,² 1937-38.
 C. H. Perry,² 1939-40.
 O. S. Pierce,⁵ Minneapolis, 1941.
 Louis E. Quint,^{1 3} Minneapolis, 1942.
 Albert Woolson,⁴ Duluth, 1943.

S. F. Hammond,² 1888, transferred from South Dakota.

J. B. Hoit,² 1892, transferred from South Dakota.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National patriotic instructor.

⁴ National council of administration.

⁵ Under suspension.

MISSOURI (25)

(Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1943, 10. Posts, 6)

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. OSBORN,^{1 4} Joplin.
Senior vice department commander----- AUGUST MOREAU, St. Louis.
Junior vice department commander----- JOSEPH H. BRIGGS, Sikeston.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, ² 1882-83.	Arthur Dreifus, ² 1913.
W. F. Chamberlain, ² 1884.	William Lowe, ² 1914.
Nelson Cole, ² 1885-86.	James B. Dobyne, ² 1915.
E. E. Kimball, ² 1887.	Alex McCandless, ² 1916.
Hiram Smith, Jr., ² 1888.	Thomas W. Evans, ² 1917.
John E. Phelps, ² 1889 (see Washington and Alaska).	Phil F. Coghlan, ² 1918.
Leo Rassieur, ² 1890.	W. C. Calland, ² 1919.
George W. Martin, ² 1891.	Samuel D. Webster, ² 1920.
C. W. Whitehead, ² 1892.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1921.
Charles G. Burton, ² 1893.	James H. Hunter, ² 1922.
Louis Grund, ² 1894.	Samuel M. Mann, ² 1923.
Louis Benecke, ² 1895.	Alfred Zartman, ² 1924.
Thomas B. Rodgers, ² 1896.	Charles Kooock, ² 1925.
John B. Platt, ² 1897.	John W. Lanley, ² 1926.
A. G. Peterson, ² 1898.	D. H. Baldrige, ² 1927.
John W. Scott, ² 1899.	John Ferguson, ² 1928.
Wilbur F. Henry, ² 1900.	Chas. H. Mitchell, ² 1929.
George Hall, ² 1901.	C. P. Woodruff, ² 1930.
Ira T. Bronson, ² 1902.	P. L. Swartz, ² 1931.
F. M. Sterrett, ² 1903 (see Ohio).	A. M. Reynolds, ² 1932.
Jere T. Dew, ² 1904.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1933.
Henry Fairback, ² 1905.	Smith George, ² 1934.
John M. Williams, ² 1906.	Perry Martin, ² 1935.
Thomas D. Kimball, ² 1907.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ² 1936.
J. V. Martin, ² 1908.	William Kowazek, Hawk Point, 1937.
W. H. Skinner, ² 1909.	A. J. P. Barnes, ² 1938.
Robert N. Denham, ² 1910.	Stephen Thomas, ² 1939.
Benjamin Warner, ² 1911.	R. B. Tyler, ² 1940 (died in office).
Charles W. Ruby, ² 1912.	Jno. Hollingsworth, ² 1941.
	William H. Osborn, ⁴ Joplin, 1942-43.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

⁴ National council of administration.

NEBRASKA (17)

(Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1943, 9. Posts, 6)

Department commander----- R. E. COLEMAN,⁴ Lincoln.
Senior vice department commander----- ALFRED HENDEE, Panama.
Junior vice department commander----- I. L. WOOD, Tekamah.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, ² 1877.	A. M. Trimble, ² 1911.
R. H. Wilbur, ² 1878.	M. V. King, ² 1912.
James W. Savage, ² 1879-80.	John A. Dempster, ² 1913.
S. J. Alexander, ² 1881-82.	O. H. Durand, ² 1914.
John C. Bonnell, ² 1883.	George C. Humphrey, ² 1915.
Henry E. Palmer, ² 1884.	W. H. Stewart, ² 1916.
A. V. Cole, ² 1885 (see California and Nevada).	Wilson E. Majors, ² 1917.
John M. Thayer, ² 1886.	J. S. Hoagland, ² 1918.
H. C. Russell, ² 1887.	J. B. Strode, ² 1919.
W. C. Henry, ² 1888.	Joseph H. Presson, ² 1920.
J. B. Davis, ² 1889 (died in office).	W. J. Blystone, ² 1921.
S. H. Morrison, ² 1889.	John S. Davisson, ² 1922.
T. S. Clarkson, ² 1890.	O. C. Bell, ² 1923.
Joseph Teeter, ² 1891.	S. F. Sanders, ² 1924.
C. J. Dilworth, ² 1892.	E. F. Brown, ² 1925.
A. H. Church, ² 1893.	J. O. Moore, ² 1926.
Church Howe, ² 1894.	David Bryson, ² 1927.
Clarendon E. Adams, ² 1895 (see California and Nevada).	H. V. Hoagland, ² 1928.
J. H. Culver, ² 1896.	Thomas J. Smith, ² 1929.
John A. Ehrhardt, ² 1897.	F. A. Damewood, ² 1930.
Thomas J. Majors, ² 1898.	L. F. Ruppel, ² 1931 (died in office).
John E. Evans, ² 1899.	John H. Berger, ² 1931.
John Reese, ² 1900.	C. P. Lomax, ² 1932.
R. S. Wilcox, ² 1901.	I. D. Evans, ² 1933.
C. F. Steele, ² 1902.	George Johnson, ² 1934.
Lee Estelle, ² 1903.	C. H. Kinney, ² 1935.
Harmon Bross, ² 1904.	A. F. Rexroad, ² 1936.
John Lett, ² 1905.	John Seberg, ² 1937.
John R. Maxson, ² 1906.	R. E. Coleman, ⁴ Lincoln, 1938.
Thomas Creigh, ² 1907.	H. S. Woodward, ² 1939.
Eli A. Barnes, ² 1908.	John S. Davisson, ² 1940 (died in office).
L. D. Richards, ² 1909.	Alfred Hendee, ⁵ Panama, 1941.
John F. Diener, ² 1910.	J. H. Allbee, ² 1942.
Griff J. Thomas, ² 1879-1881, transferred from Wisconsin.	R. E. Coleman, ⁴ Lincoln, 1943.

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Senior vice department commander.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

(Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1943, 3. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- LYMAN E. BUTTERFIELD,^{1 4} Manchester.
Assistant adjutant general----- FRANK E. AMADON, Keene.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, ² 1867.	William S. Pillsbury, ² 1907.
William R. Patten, ² 1868.	Augustus D. Sanborn, ² 1908.
Daniel J. Vaughn, ² 1869.	Charles W. Stevens, ² 1909.
James E. Larkin, ² 1870.	Albert D. Scovell, 1910.
Augustus H. Bixby, ² 1871.	Henry E. Conant, ² 1911 (died in office).
William H. Trickey, ² 1872.	William A. Beckford, ² 1911.
Timothy W. Challis, ² 1873-74.	George K. Stratton, ² 1912.
Alvin S. Eaton, ² 1875.	David R. Roys, ² 1913.
Charles J. Richards, ² 1876-78.	O. B. Douglass, ² 1914.
George Bowers, ² 1879-80.	M. B. Plummer, ² 1915.
Martin A. Haynes, ² 1881-82.	Reuben T. Leavitt, ² 1916.
John C. Linehan, ² 1883-84.	Charles W. Hobbs, ² 1917.
Marcus M. Collis, ² 1885.	Eugene Wason, ² 1918.
George Farr, ² 1886.	Frank W. Wilson, ² 1919.
Otis C. Wyatt, ² 1887.	James H. Hunt, ² 1920.
A. B. Thompson, ² 1888.	Arthur Thompson, ² 1921.
James F. Grimes, ² 1889.	J. N. Patterson, ² 1922.
Thomas Cogswell, ² 1890.	J. C. Lewis, ² 1923.
Everett B. Huse, ² 1891.	William Blair, ² 1924.
Daniel Hall, ² 1892.	J. R. Squires, ² 1925.
Frank G. Noyes, ² 1893.	Albert J. Barr, ² 1926.
David R. Pierce, ² 1894.	Eben C. Chase, ² 1927.
Charles E. Bussell, ² 1895.	Joseph Willis, ² 1928.
Lewis W. Aldrich, ² 1896.	O. P. Murdick, ² 1929.
James Minot, ² 1897.	Wm. H. Fish, ² 1930.
A. S. Twitchell, ² 1898.	Henry S. Paul, ² 1931.
Horace L. Worcester, ² 1899.	Charles H. Estes, ² 1932.
D. E. Proctor, ² 1900.	Wm. J. M. Blackmun, ² 1933.
A. S. Haines, ² 1901.	George I. Horne, ² 1934 (died in office).
William S. Carter, ² 1902.	James R. Ashton, ² 1935 (died in office).
Edwin E. Parker, ² 1903.	Frank E. Amandon, ³ Keene, 1935-36.
Henry O. Kent, ² 1904.	Lyman E. Butterfield, ^{1 4} Manchester,
Daniel B. Newhall, ² 1905.	1937-43.
Osman B. Warren, ² 1906.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Assistant adjutant general.⁴ National council of administration.

NEW JERSEY (8)

(Organized December 10, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1943, 3. Posts, 1)

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. PERRINE,⁴ Plainfield.
Assistant adjutant general----- ROBERT McCANDLES, Lyons.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine, ² 1868.	Alfred Atkins, ² 1906.
William Ward, ² 1869-70.	Arthur W. Tench, ² 1907.
Richard H. Lee, ² 1871-72.	John Foran, ² 1908.
John R. Goble, ² 1873.	James F. Connelly, ² 1909.
Charles Burrows, ² 1874-75.	James Inglis, Jr., ² 1910.
E. W. Davis, ² 1876.	Adrian S. Appleget, ² 1911.
John Muller, ² 1877-78.	Terrance J. McDonald, ² 1912.
Samuel Hufty, ² 1879.	John W. Bodine, ² 1913.
George W. Gile, ² 1880.	Foreman J. Reynolds, ² 1914 (died in of- fice).
Charles H. Houghton, ² 1881.	Samuel G. Garretson, ² 1914.
E. L. Campbell, ² 1882.	William F. Washington, ² 1915.
George Fielder, ² 1883.	William O. Allen, ² 1916.
Henry M. Nevius, ² 1884-85.	Walter S. Tully, ² 1917.
Frank O. Cole, ² 1886.	George E. Boyd, ² 1918.
J. L. Wheeler, ² 1887.	A. J. Washburn, ² 1919 (died in office).
E. Burd Grubb, ² 1888.	Frank Briden, Sr., ² 1919.
W. E. B. Miller, ² 1889.	John T. McNeil, ² 1920.
A. M. Matthews, ² 1890.	Isaac Cole, ² 1921.
James R. Mullikin, ² 1891.	James A. Rikeman, ² 1922.
R. A. Donnelly, ² 1892.	P. J. Lydecker, ² 1923-24.
H. L. Hartshorn, ² 1893.	Leonard L. Roray, ² 1925.
John Shields, ² 1894.	Joseph A. Goodrich, ² 1926.
Henry S. White, ² 1895.	Augustus Van Giesen, ² 1927.
Ernest C. Stahl, ² 1896.	Charles Hopper, ² 1928.
Emanuel Sands, ² 1897 (died in office).	Spencer Smith, ² 1929.
Samuel G. Hayter, ² 1897.	John H. Conger, ² 1930.
William C. Smith, ² 1898.	Wm. A. Buckbee, ² 1931.
George Barrett, ² 1899.	Wm. H. Bilbee, ² 1932-34.
E. V. Richards, ² 1900.	Wm. H. McCoy, ² 1935-41 (died in of- fice).
J. Lawrence, ² 1901.	Peter Van Kirk, ² Princeton, 1941-42 (died in office).
Enos F. Hann, ² 1902.	William H. Perrine, ² Plainfield, 1943.
Stephen M. Long, ² 1903.	
James M. Atwood, ² 1904.	
Charles Currie, ² 1905.	

² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

NEW YORK (5)

(Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1943, 13. Posts, 10)

Department commander-----FRANK E. COOLEY,⁴ Rensselaer.
 Senior vice department commander-----DANIEL HARRIS, Brooklyn.
 Junior vice department commander-----JAMES A. HARD, Rochester.
 Assistant adjutant general-----ROBERT M. ROWND,³ Ripley.

DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
James O. Fay, Syracuse.	Samuel Van Pelt, Antwerp.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean, ² 1866-67.	William H. Daniels, ² 1908.
Daniel E. Sickles, ² 1868-69.	M. J. Cummings, ² 1909.
Edwin B. Lansing, ² 1869.	DeWitt C. Hurd, ² 1910.
John C. Robinson, ² 1870.	George B. Loud, ² 1911.
Henry A. Barnum, ² 1871-72.	Oscar Smith, ² 1912.
Stephen P. Corliss, ² 1873.	Samuel C. Pierce, ² 1913.
Edward Jardine, ² 1874.	James D. Bell, ² 1914.
John Palmer, ² 1875.	Zan L. Tidball, ² 1915.
James Tanner, ² 1876-77.	Solomon W. Russell, ² 1916.
William F. Rogers, ² 1878.	William F. Kirchner, ² 1917.
James McQuade, ² 1879.	Lewis S. Pilcher, ² 1918.
L. Coe Young, ² 1880.	Joseph E. Ewell, ² 1919.
Abram Merritt, ² 1881.	Alfred E. Stacey, ² 1920.
James S. Fraser, ² 1882.	Isadore Isaacs, ² 1921.
John A. Reynolds, ² 1883.	Calvin A. Brainard, ² 1922.
Ira M. Hedges, ² 1884.	Thomas J. McConekey, ² 1923.
H. Clay Hall, ² 1885.	Henry L. Keene, ² 1924.
Joseph I. Sayles, ² 1886.	Duncan J. McMillan, ² 1925.
George H. Treadwell, ² 1887.	John Van Duyn, ² 1926.
N. Martin Curtis, ² 1888.	George W. Flynn, ² 1927 (died in office).
Harrison Clark, ² 1889.	William M. Chatham, ² 1928 (died in office).
Floyd Clarkson, ² 1890.	Henry Lilly, ² 1928.
Charles H. Freeman, ² 1891.	William P. Griffith, ² 1928.
Theodore L. Poole, ² 1892.	Martin V. Stone, ² 1929.
Joseph P. Cleary, ² 1893.	George H. Taylor, ² 1930.
John C. Shotts, ² 1894.	Calvin L. Vincent, ² 1931.
Edward J. Atkinson, ² 1895.	Henry J. Kearney, ² 1932 (died in office).
James S. Graham, ² 1896.	Frank E. Cooley, ⁴ Rensselaer, 1933.
Albert D. Shaw, ² 1897.	John Maxwell, ² 1933.
Anson S. Wood, ² 1898.	Josiah C. Read, ² 1934.
Joseph W. Kay, ² 1899.	Robert M. Rownd, ³ Ripley, 1935.
N. P. Pond, ² 1900.	George C. Eldredge, ² 1936.
Charles A. Orr, ² 1901.	Joseph Bauer, ² 1937.
Allan C. Bakewell, ² 1902.	Thomas H. Stritch, ² 1938-39.
John S. Foster, ² 1903.	Henry Lilly, ² 1940.
Henry N. Burhans, ² 1904.	Edwin Morris, ² 1941.
James N. Snyder, ² 1905.	James A. Hard, ⁶ Rochester, 1942.
John S. Maxwell, ² 1906.	John W. Hays, Brookview, 1943.
Harlan J. Swift, ² 1907.	

De Alva S. Alexander,² 1884, transferred from Potomac.W. L. Palmer,² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.A. E. Sholes,² 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.David R. Wilson,² 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from Oklahoma (see California and Nevada).

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Jacob Lester, Binghamton, 1931.

² Deceased.³ Chaplain in chief.⁴ National council of administration.⁶ Junior vice department commander.

OHIO (4)

(Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1943, 18. Posts, 9)

Department commander----- LEWIS M. HIESTON,⁴ Pleasantville.
Senior vice department commander----- C. W. NEEDLES, Springfield.
Junior vice department commander----- JOHN GRATE, Atwater.
Assistant adjutant general----- THOMAS RIDENOUR,³ Crestline.

DELEGATE

John Hart, Findlay.

ALTERNATE

Isaiah Wilson, Delaware.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, ² 1866.	John H. Sharer, ² 1908 (died in office).
Thomas L. Young, ² 1867.	George Hall, ² 1908.
J. Warren Keifer, ² 1867-70.	Charles H. Newton, ² 1909.
William C. Bunts, ² 1871-72.	Henry A. Axline, ² 1910.
G. M. Barber, ² 1873-74.	J. F. Johnston, ² 1911.
Alvin C. Voris, ² 1875.	Charles W. Blodgett, ² 1912.
William Earnshaw, ² 1876-77.	W. R. Warnock, ² 1913.
Nathan L. Guthrie, ² 1878 (died in office).	J. Kent Hamilton, ² 1914.
James H. Seymour, ² 1878.	Seeley P. Mount, ² 1915.
James H. Steadman, ² 1879.	W. H. Surles, ² 1916.
David W. Thomas, ² 1880.	W. A. Pittenger, ² 1917.
John S. Kountz, ² 1881.	D. M. Hall, ² 1918.
Charles T. Clark, 1882-83.	H. C. Martindale, ² 1919.
H. P. Lloyd, ² 1884.	John M. Adams, ² 1920.
R. B. Brown, ² 1885.	M. J. Sloan, ² 1921.
Arthur L. Conger, ² 1886.	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² 1922.
D. C. Putnam, ² 1887.	Daniel S. Wilder, ² 1923.
Joseph W. O'Neill, ² 1888.	Edmund Burdsall, ² 1924.
S. H. Hurst, ² 1889.	John Ambler, ² 1925.
P. H. Dowling, ² 1890.	Levi H. Derby, ² 1926.
A. M. Warner, ² 1891.	Jacob Secrest, ² 1927.
Isaac F. Mack, ² 1892.	John McClay, ² 1928.
L. H. Williams, ² 1893.	Salonas A. Williams, ² 1929.
E. E. Nutt, ² 1894.	W. A. Talbott, ² 1930.
Charles Townsend, ² 1895.	Ayres B. Adams, ² 1931.
E. L. Lybarger, ² 1896.	S. F. Bell, ² 1932.
Henry Kissinger, ² 1897.	O. A. Marvin, ² 1933.
David F. Pugh, ² 1898.	Charles J. McDargh, ² 1934.
Thomas R. Shinn, ² 1899.	Henry F. Russell, ² 1935.
Elias R. Monfort, ² 1900.	Francis S. Layton, ² 1936.
Emmet F. Taggart, ² 1901.	Theodore Wells, ² 1937.
Walton Weber, ² 1902.	Frederick Pfister, Cincinnati, 1938.
Arthur C. Yengling, ² 1903.	Frank S. Morris, ² 1939.
B. M. Moulton, ² 1904.	Thomas Ridenour, ³ Crestline, 1940.
Amos Huffman, ² 1905.	David M. Robbins, ² 1941.
George A. Harmon, ² 1906.	Byron W. Joslin, ² 1942.
W. S. Rogers, ² 1907.	John R. Bennett, Waynesfield, 1943.

⁴ National council of administration.³ Surgeon general.² Deceased.

OKLAHOMA (44)

(Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1943, 12. Post, 0. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908)

Department commander----- SYLVESTER S. PATTERSON, Tonkawa.
Senior vice department commander----- MOSES RATLEDGE, Enid.
Assistant adjutant general----- E. H. SAWYER,⁴ Minco.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, ² 1890.	George W. Billings, ² 1914 (died in office).
G. M. Coulton, ² 1891.	George W. Fletcher, ² 1914.
D. F. Wyatt, ² 1892.	A. A. Beasler, ² 1915.
T. H. Soward, ² 1893.	Albert Reeves, ² 1916.
J. P. Cumings, ² 1894 (see California and Nevada).	J. C. White, ² 1917.
H. G. Trosper, ² 1895.	F. E. Hills, ² 1918.
W. H. Cater, ² 1896.	F. M. Cline, ² 1919.
C. R. Young, ² 1897.	W. S. Tilton, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
G. D. Munger, ² 1898.	Jacob Amberg, ² 1921.
J. J. S. Hassler, ² 1899.	W. F. Clark, ² 1922.
I. W. Rush, ² 1899.	J. J. Lyons, ² 1923.
M. L. Mock, ² 1900.	J. W. Garner, ² 1924.
James E. Burns, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Norton, ² 1925 (died in office).
Wesley Taylor, ² 1902.	J. H. Luman, ² 1925.
Cyrus P. Green, ² 1903.	R. D. McGinley, ² 1926.
S. P. Strahan, ² 1904.	W. T. Deupree, ² 1927.
G. M. Parks, ² 1905.	R. L. Johnson, ² 1928.
Peter A. Becker, ² 1906.	A. W. Lee, ² 1929.
W. H. Hornaday, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	J. W. Bridges, ² 1930.
H. Veatch, ² 1908.	A. C. Sims, ² 1931.
William Higgins, ² 1909.	L. C. Coffin, ² 1932.
B. N. Turk, ² 1910.	A. C. Sims, ² 1933.
Wilberforce Jones, ² 1911.	J. W. Garner, ² 1934.
W. R. Kelley, ² 1912.	N. D. McGinley, ² 1935-37 (died in office).
L. C. Coffin, ³ Elgin, 1913.	Aaron Fagin, ² 1937 (died in office).
	S. Patterson, ³ Tonkawa, 1938-43.

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E. Calkins, ² 1891.	Gideon S. White, ² 1899.
B. F. Harris, ² 1892.	John S. Hammer, ² 1900-02.
J. H. Spann, ² 1893.	J. A. Rose, ² 1903.
Savelon Boyles, ² 1894.	Robert Ross, ² 1904..
J. L. Thomas, ² 1895.	Samuel H. Smith, ² 1905.
William H. Harrison, ² 1896.	J. F. Ayers, ² 1906.
R. M. J. Shriver, ² 1897.	A. G. Krutchmer, ² 1907.
David Redfield, ² 1898.	
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898, transferred from Kansas.	
John C. Gipson, ² 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see California and Nevada).	

² Deceased.

³ Department commander.

⁴ National council of administration.

OREGON (26)

(Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1943, 2. Post, 1)

Department commander----- T. A. PENLAND,^{1 4} Portland

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce,² 1882.
 G. E. Caulkin,² 1883.
 F. J. Babcock,² 1884.
 F. H. Lamb,² 1885-86.
 M. L. Olmstead,² 1887.
 A. E. Borthwick,² 1888.
 E. B. McElroy,² 1889.
 James A. Varney,² 1890.
 Owen Summers,² 1891.
 H. H. Northrup,² 1892.
 J. C. Cooper,² 1893.
 S. B. Ormsby,² 1894.
 E. W. Allen,² 1895.
 D. C. Sherman,² 1896.
 Frank Reisner,² 1897.
 C. P. Holloway,² 1898.
 H. V. Gates,² 1899.
 A. J. Goodbrod,² 1900.
 J. A. Sladen,² 1901.
 M. L. Pratt,² 1902.
 David H. Turner,² 1903.
 B. F. Pike,² 1904.
 T. E. Hills,² 1905.
 Hamer Sutcliffe,² 1906.
 S. F. Blythe,² 1907.
 J. T. Apperson,² 1908.
 James P. Shaw,² 1909.
 W. J. R. Beach,² 1910.
 Newton Clark,² 1911.
 Thomas B. McDevitt,² 1912.

S. W. Taylor,² 1913.
 H. S. Fargo,² 1914.
 George A. Harding,² 1915.
 Joseph E. Hall,² 1916.
 J. G. Chambers,² 1917.
 Tillman H. Stevens,² 1918.
 Daniel Webster,² 1919.
 J. T. Butler,² 1920.
 C. A. Williams,² 1921.
 D. L. McKay,² 1922.
 George R. Castner,² 1923.
 Henry E. Dosch,² 1924 (died in office).
 J. L. Crow,² 1924.
 J. F. Nelson,² 1925.
 William Clemens,² 1926.
 H. S. Lillagar,² 1927.
 William Clemens,² 1928.
 L. C. Washburn,² 1929 (died in office).
 Charles True,² 1929 (died in office).
 Gideon Stolz,² 1929.
 Wm. M. Colvig,² 1930.
 Charles M. Eichler,² 1931.
 J. W. Jones,² 1932.
 H. V. Gates,² 1933-34 (died in office).
 J. W. Ridge,² 1935.
 John C. Thomson,² 1936 (died in office).
 Z. T. Bryant,² 1937 (died in office).
 Henry Hopkins,² 1937.
 T. A. Penland,^{1 4} Portland, 1937-43.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

(Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1943, 4. Posts, 2)

Department commander----- ALFRED W. GABRIO,⁴ Hazleton.
Senior vice department commander----- A. T. ANDERSON,³ Washington.
Junior vice department commander----- JOSEPH P. CALDWELL, Pittsburgh.
Assistant adjutant general----- _____, _____.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner,² 1866-67.
 A. L. Pearson,² 1868.
 O. C. Bosbyshell,² 1869.
 Howard J. Reeder,² 1870-71.
 Frank Reeder,² 1872.
 Robert B. Beath,² 1873.
 A. Wilson Norris,² 1874.
 W. W. Tyson,² 1875.
 James W. Latta,² 1876.
 Samuel I. Givin,² 1877.
 Charles T. Hull,² 1878.
 George L. Brown,² 1879.
 Chill W. Hazard,² 1880.
 John Taylor,² 1881.
 John M. Vanderslice,² 1882.
 E. S. Osborne,² 1883.
 Frederick H. Dyer,² 1884.
 F. Austin Curtin,² 1885.
 J. P. S. Gobin,² 1886.
 Samuel Harper,² 1887.
 Frank J. Magee,² 1888.
 Thomas J. Stewart,² 1889.
 Joseph F. Denniston,² 1890.
 George G. Boyer,² 1891.
 John P. Taylor,² 1892.
 Thomas G. Sample,² 1893.
 William Emsley,² 1894.
 H. H. Cumings,² 1895.
 Alfred Darte,² 1896.
 William D. Stauffer,² 1897.
 William J. Patterson,² 1898.
 James F. Morrison,² 1899.
 Charles Miller,² 1900.
 Levi G. McCauley,² 1901.
 R. P. Scott,² 1902.
 Edwin Walton,² 1903.
 John McNevin,² 1904.

J. Andrew Wilt,² 1905.
 M. A. Gherst,² 1906.
 William T. Powell,² 1907.
 P. De Lacy,² 1908.
 Thad M. Mahon,² 1909.
 L. W. Moore,² 1910.
 N. P. Kingsley,² 1911.
 Thomas H. Cole,² 1912.
 William J. Wells,² 1913.
 John A. Fairman,² 1914.
 C. C. Gramlich,² 1915.
 L. F. Arensberg,² 1916.
 Noah Dietrich,² 1917.
 J. D. Hicks,² 1918.
 George W. Rhoads,² 1919.
 C. H. Wm. Ruhe,² 1920.
 Charles C. Taylor,² 1921.
 W. F. Hambright,² 1922.
 J. J. Shoemaker,² 1923.
 H. H. Spayd,² 1924.
 A. M. Breckenridge,² 1925.
 Samuel P. Town,² 1926.
 John B. Patrick,² 1927.
 George I. Rudolph,² 1928.
 Phil Engelskirger,² 1929.
 Chas. W. Meconnahey,² 1930.
 John R. Steele,² 1931.
 Jacob Barron,² 1932.
 A. T. Anderson,³ Washington, 1933.
 George W. Gillett,² 1934-35.
 Wm. W. Reynolds,² 1936 (died in office).
 John Little,² 1936 (died in office).
 A. T. Anderson,³ Washington, 1937.
 C. H. Wm. Ruhe,² 1938-39.
 A. W. Gabrio,⁴ Hazleton, 1940-41.
 Joseph L. Chapman,² 1942.
 A. W. Gabrio,⁴ Hazleton, 1943.

James E. Porter,² 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 James M. Davis,² 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

² Deceased.³ Past commander in chief.⁴ National council of administration.

UTAH (33)

(Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1943, 1. Post, 1.)

Department commander----- IRA STORMES,¹ Salt Lake City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas,² 1883.
 Ransford Smith,² 1884.
 H. C. Wardleigh,² 1885.
 Elijah Sells,² 1886.
 Eli H. Murray,² 1887.
 Nathan H. Kimball,² 1888.
 Henry T. Snyder,² 1889.
 Henry Page,² 1890.
 Frank Hoffman,² 1891.
 James R. Elliott,² 1892.
 J. W. Greenman,² 1893.
 T. C. Iliff,² 1894.
 C. O. Farnsworth,² 1895.
 M. M. Kellogg,² 1896.
 T. C. Bailey,² 1897.
 N. H. Ives,² 1898.
 M. M. Kaighn,² 1899.
 M. A. Breeden,² 1900 (see California
 and Nevada).
 Rudolph Alf,² 1901.
 W. M. Bostaph,² 1902 (see California
 and Nevada).
 F. W. Clark,² 1903.

Henry P. Burns,² 1904.
 E. T. Hulaniski,² 1905.
 B. M. Sperry,² 1906.
 Alfred Kent,² 1907.
 R. G. Sleater,² 1908.
 Lucian H. Smith,² 1909.
 T. C. Lundy,² 1910.
 A. B. Lawrence,² 1911.
 J. W. Brown,² 1912 (died in office).
 Frank H. Hall,² 1912.
 Reuben Oehler,² 1913.
 N. A. Heath,² 1914.
 H. G. Rollins,² 1915.
 N. D. Corser,² 1916-17.
 J. C. A. Warfield,² 1918.
 C. W. A. Schnell,² 1919.
 Ezra D. Haskins,² 1920-21.
 A. Van Patten,² 1922.
 W. L. Goodsell,² 1923-25.
 L. L. Hudson,² 1926-27.
 W. R. Smethers,² 1928.
 Elias Price,² 1929-34.
 Ira Stormes,⁴ Salt Lake City, 1935-43.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁴ National council of administration.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

(Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1943, 14. Posts, 3)

Department commander----- HIRAM R. GALE,^{1 4} Seattle.
Senior vice department commander----- S. B. TIFT, Everett.
Junior vice department commander----- FRANCIS YEAGER, Centralia.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, ² provisional, 1878-82.	R. R. Harding, ² 1912.
George D. Hill, ² 1883.	J. E. Stewart, ² 1913.
H. A. Morrow, ² 1884.	H. R. Gale, ³ Seattle, 1914.
A. M. Brooks, ² 1885.	H. W. North, ² 1915.
C. M. Holton, ² 1886.	J. E. Gandy, ² 1916.
A. P. Curry, ² 1887.	John J. See, ² 1917 (see California and Nevada).
J. W. Sprague, ² 1888.	S. F. Street, ² 1918.
C. S. Cosgrove, ² 1889.	A. A. Stevens, ² 1919.
M. M. Holmes, ² 1890.	O. D. McDonald, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
D. G. Lovell, ² 1891.	J. H. Coffman, ² 1921.
J. Sox Brown, ² 1892.	Enoch Sears, ² 1922.
J. F. Sinclair, ² 1893.	W. P. Cragin, ² 1923 (died in office).
J. N. Scott, ² 1894.	John A. Harris, ² 1923.
Norman Buck, ² 1895.	A. P. Lawrence, ² 1924.
C. T. Patterson, ² 1896.	William J. Baker, ² 1925.
J. F. McLean, ² 1897.	J. H. Shaw, ² 1926.
George W. Tibbetts, ² 1898.	Byron Phelps, ² 1927.
J. W. Langley, ² 1899.	Henry P. Burdick, ² 1928.
B. R. Freeman, ² 1900.	Willis Richardson, ² 1929.
H. A. Bigelow, ² 1901.	W. W. Work, ² 1930.
B. C. Bedell, ² 1902.	R. W. Black, ² 1931.
T. H. Cavanaugh, ² 1903.	T. F. Coley, ² 1932.
F. M. Davis, ² 1904 (see California and Nevada).	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1933-34.
J. T. Goss, ² 1905.	D. L. Crossen, ² 1935.
C. B. Dunning, ² 1906.	George L. Foster, ² 1936.
W. H. Mock, ² 1907.	L. A. Wilcox, ⁵ Cadott, Wis., 1937.
George H. Boardman, ² 1908.	Rustan O. Reed, ² 1938-41 (died in office).
Lyman Banks, ² 1909.	S. B. Tift, ³ Everett, 1942.
W. H. Wiscombe, ² 1910 (see California and Nevada).	Hiram R. Gale, ^{1 4} Seattle, 1943.
F. H. Hurd, ² 1911.	

John E. Phelps,² 1889, transferred from Missouri.E. A. Shores,² 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Senior vice department commander.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Transferred to Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN (2)

(Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1943, 11. Posts, 6)

Department commander----- LANSING A. WILCOX,⁶ Cadott.
Senior vice department commander----- B. REGLI, Eau Claire.
Junior vice department commander----- J. W. MILLER, Osseo.
Assistant adjutant general----- H. ALEXANDER,⁴ Baraboo.

DELEGATE

John Pool, Reedsburg.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, ² 1866.	John W. Ganes, ² 1906.
H. A. Starr, ² 1867.	John C. Martin, ² 1907.
J. M. Rusk, ² 1868.	E. D. Coe, ² 1908 (died in office).
T. S. Allen, ² 1869-70.	R. B. Lang, ² 1909.
Edward Ferguson, ² 1871-72.	William H. Grinnell, ² 1909.
A. J. McCoy, ² 1873.	Frank A. Walsh, ² 1910.
G. A. Hanaford, ² 1874-75.	Hiram J. Smith, ² 1911.
John Hancock, ² 1876.	George W. Spratt, ² 1912.
H. G. Rogers, ² 1877.	Charles H. Henry, ² 1913.
F. S. Hammond, ² 1878.	Samuel A. Cook, ² 1914.
Griff J. Thomas, ² 1879-81 (see Nebraska).	W. J. McKay, ² 1915.
H. M. Enos, ² 1882.	O. L. Rosenkrans, ² 1916.
Philip Cheek, ² 1883-84.	W. A. Wyse, ² 1917.
James Davidson, ² 1885.	George D. Breed, ² 1918.
Lucius Fairchild, ² 1886.	Robert R. Campbell, ² 1919.
H. P. Fisher, ² 1886.	Walter O. Pietsch, ² 1920.
Michael Griffin, ² 1887.	M. L. Snyder, ² 1921.
A. G. Weissert, ² 1888.	James F. Carle, ² 1922.
L. Ferguson, ² 1889.	Alfred S. Eaton, ² 1923.
Benjamin F. Bryant, ² 1890.	George W. Morton, ² 1924.
W. H. Upham, ² 1891.	Henry Hase, ² 1925.
C. B. Welton, ² 1892.	Henry Stannard, ² 1926.
E. A. Shores, ² 1893 (see Washington and Alaska).	Henry C. Eaton, ² 1927.
J. A. Watrous, ² 1894.	G. H. Pounder, ² 1928.
W. D. Hoard, ² 1895.	Lloyd D. Sampson, ² 1929.
D. Lloyd Jones, ² 1896.	John H. Hellweg, ² 1930.
E. B. Gray, ² 1897.	W. H. Chesbrough, ² 1931.
C. H. Russell, ² 1898.	George L. Thomas, ² 1932.
Henry Harnden, ² 1899.	Henry Held, ² 1933.
S. H. Talmadge, ² 1899.	Thaddeus Sheerin, ² 1934.
David J. James, ² 1900.	Charles M. Hambright, ² 1935.
A. H. DeGroff, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	Chas. F. Moulton, ² 1936.
J. H. Agen, ² 1902.	W. P. Bryant, ² 1937.
J. P. Rungle, ² 1903.	John Hart, ² 1938.
Pliny Norcross, ² 1904.	A. R. Kibbe, ² 1939.
F. A. Copeland, ² 1905.	B. Regli, ³ Eau Claire, 1940.
	James F. Jones, ² 1941.
	John W. Miller, ⁵ Osseo, 1942.
	C. L. Hooker, Virginia, Minn., 1943.

Lansing A. Wilcox,⁶ Cadott, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

MEMBER AT LARGE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

John M. Kline, Washington, D. C., Past Department Commander, 1934-1941,
 Department of the Potomac.

² Deceased.³ Senior vice department commander.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Junior vice department commander.⁶ Senior vice commander in chief.

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

George H. Jones, commander in chief, Oxford, Maine.
Lansing A. Wilcox, senior vice commander in chief, Cadott, Wis.
Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, Los Angeles, Calif.
William H. Ferguson, quartermaster general, Kent City, Mich.
George A. Gay, Boston, Mass.
Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.
R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr.

TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.
A. T. Anderson, Washington, Pa.
John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, chairman.
Robert M. Rownd, assistant adjutant general, department of New York.
John C. Adams, assistant adjutant general, department of Indiana.
David Sisk, assistant adjutant general, department of Iowa.
H. Alexander, assistant adjutant general, department of Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT BOOKS OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Isaac W. Sharp, Warsaw, Ind.
Lyman E. Butterfield, Manchester, N. H.
R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr.

COMMITTEES TO PREPARE RESOLUTIONS

ON DEATH OF CHIEF OF STAFF THOMAS B. WILLIAMS

William H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.
George F. Stuart, Freeport, Maine.
Alonzo McMurphy, Sterling, Kans.

ON DEATH OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL EUGENE OWEN

Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.
Lewis M. Heiston, Pleasantville, Ohio.
Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.

ON DEATH OF JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL WILLIAM W. NIXON

A. T. Anderson, Washington, Pa.
George A. Gay, Nashua, N. H.
Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

*Departments in order of seniority, according to dates of permanent organization
as heretofore announced*

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island ²	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, ¹ provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867.	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina ²	July 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Vir- ginia and North Carolina	May 20, 1892
16	Maryland, ² organized Jan. 8, 1868; reorganized	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868; reorganized	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866; reorganized	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming	Dec. 11, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colo- rado and Wyoming	Aug. 28, 1889
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1867; reorganized	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; Reorganized	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, ² organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota ²	Feb. 27, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota	Apr. 11, 1890
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico ²	July 14, 1883
33	Utah	Oct. 9, 1883
34	Tennessee ²	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi ²	May 15, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisi- ana and Mississippi	June 13, 1888
36	Florida	June 19, 1884
37	Montana ²	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas ²	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona ²	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina ¹	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama ²	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota ²	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma	Apr. 7, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma	July 3, 1891
45	Indian Territory	July 3, 1891
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma, May 19-22, 1908.	

¹ Charter surrendered.

² Closed by death of all members.

**ATTENDANCE AT SEVENTY-EIGHTH ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY
OF THE REPUBLIC, DES MOINES, IOWA**

Illinois : Hiram H. Shumate, William P. Lockwood.
Indiana : Isaac W. Sharp.
Iowa : John M. Gudgel, David S. Sisk, James P. Martin.
Maine : George H. Jones.
Massachusetts : George A. Gay.
Michigan : Martin J. Warner, William H. Ferguson, Orlando Le Valley.
Minnesota : Louis E. Quint, Henry Mack.
Missouri : William H. Osborn, George W. Johnson.
New Hampshire : Lyman E. Butterfield.
Oregon : T. A. Penland.
Utah : Ira Stormes.
Washington and Alaska : Hiram R. Gale.
Wisconsin : Lansing A. Wilcox.



COMRADES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Front Row: GEORGE H. JONES, *Maine*; L. A. WILCOX, *Wisconsin*; H. H. SHUMATE, *Illinois*; WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, *Michigan*.

Second Row: GEORGE A. GAY, *Massachusetts*; L. E. QUINT, *Minnesota*; IRA STORMES, *Utah*; JOHN M. GUDGEL, *Iowa*.

Third Row: H. R. GALE, *Washington*; WILLIAM H. OSBORN, *Missouri*; ORLANDO LEV ALLEY, *Michigan*; ISAAC W. SHARP, *Indiana*; MARTIN J. WARNER, *Michigan*;
DAVID SISK, *Iowa*; HENRY MACK, *Minnesota*; THEO A. PENLAND, *Oregon*.

Fourth Row: WILLIAM P. LOCKWOOD, *Illinois*; JAMES P. MARTIN, *Iowa*; GEORGE W. JOHNSON, *Missouri*; L. E. BUTTERFIELD, *New Hampshire*.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 10 TO 14, 1944

The seventy-eighth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the south ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa at 1:45 p. m. on Wednesday, September 13, 1944, Commander in Chief George H. Jones, of Oxford, Maine, presiding.

Commander in Chief JONES. Comrades, the hour has arrived for our meeting. You will please come to order. In the absence of the chaplain in chief, I will ask Comrade Gudgel to open the meeting with prayer.

Comrade JOHN M. GUDGEL, of Iowa. We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that we have this great opportunity of meeting in Grand Army of the Republic for such business as shall come before this meeting. We ask Thee, Heavenly Father, now to bless us all and watch over us and care for us and take care of us. We thank Thee that our commander in chief is able to be with us today. We ask Thee to bless us all and guide and direct us through another year, as Thou hast in the past. We ask all these great blessings in the blessed Redeemer's name. Amen.

Commander in Chief JONES. We will now have the report of the committee on credentials.

Secretary KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD, (reading) :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The committee on credentials met on Monday, September 11, and received credentials from 13 departments. They found the total voting strength of the encampment to be 134, with 20 members present.

DAVID SISK,
(For the Committee).

Commander in Chief JONES. We will now receive the report of the auditing committee.

Secretary FLOOD (reading) :

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 11, 1944.

We have carefully examined the receipts and vouchers for expense and have compared the footings of the books as kept by the secretary of the Quartermaster with her records and find them correct. We highly commend the report finding it correct.

ISAAC W. SHARP,
LYMAN BUTTERFIELD,
Auditing Committee.

I will say to the comrades that for several years the daughter of Past Commander in Chief Nixon, who is cashier of a bank in Jewel, Kans., has worked with the auditing committee and assisted them, so we know the books are correct.

Commander in Chief JONES. What will you do with the report of the auditing committee?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief HIRAM H. SHUMATE. I move it be accepted.

(Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief JONES. It is moved and seconded that it be accepted. If you are of that mind you will please make it manifest by the raising of the hand. Contrary minded? I would declare the motion carried.

You will now listen to the roll call.

(The Secretary called the roll of officers and all were found to be present except Thomas Ridenour, surgeon general; Robert M. Rownd, chaplain in chief; Russell C. Martin, adjutant general; John W. Palmer, assistant adjutant general; and George F. Stuart, chief of staff.)

Secretary FLOOD. Commander, I find seven officers present and reporting for duty.

Mr. Brayton from the convention bureau is here and would like to extend his greetings to the encampment.

Mr. ARTHUR H. BRAYTON. Commander in chief and comrades, while I have had the opportunity of meeting most of you personally, I am very happy to have the added privilege of coming before you in this the first official business session of the seventy-eighth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As you all know, this is the fifth time that the city of Des Moines and the State of Iowa have had the opportunity of welcoming you and being the host to the national encampment and affiliated organizations.

I wish you all could have seen, and I hope that before you leave or after you get home you will see, the magnificent tributes that the press and radio here in Des Moines and throughout the State have paid you. This morning, for example, in a story on the front page about the parade the paper told about the first parade held in Des Moines 22 years ago when 10,000 marched, and then compared it to today; and while the comparison might indicate that in numbers you were less, the spirit, as you know, is still as stalwart and as strong as it ever has been.

I just want to say that we are very happy to have you here. We are mindful as we meet today of the three commanders in chief, I believe, who came from Iowa—Commander in Chief David Palmer, Commander in Chief James Willett, and Commander in Chief Oley Nelson. They are all with us today in spirit, I am sure, and I hope that most of you know that the son of Commander in Chief Willett has been here and is still in Des Moines and will be in to greet you—an old friend of mine.

As I grow more familiar with the Grand Army, and as I sat at the luncheon, it enters more into my heart and mind, and I want to tell you sincerely, speaking not only for myself but for the city of Des Moines, that you are more than welcome—yea, thrice welcome here at the seventy-eighth national encampment. [Applause.]

Secretary FLOOD. The next order of business is the reading of the commander in chief's report, and the reporter will read it.

(The shorthand reporter then read the address of the commander in chief, as follows:)

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

One year ago in Milwaukee, Wis., you unanimously elected me commander in chief. I thanked you then, and now I again thank you for your trust and confidence in me and hope I have justified your choice. We had a splendid encampment in Milwaukee, and I am sure that this encampment in Des Moines will prove equally as fine as the four previous encampments there.

As our encampment closed last September I had a heavy cold, and on Friday morning the doctors from the veterans' facility at Wood, Wis., decided it was best for me to be taken to the hospital there, and oxygen was administered for a few days. Miss Flood remained in Milwaukee until I was able to sit up, and Mrs. Grace N. Darling, secretary of the Maine Department, GAR, and Melvin H. Stone, both of whom had accompanied me from Maine to Milwaukee, remained to go home with me. I cannot adequately express my appreciation to Maj. P. G. Froemming, manager of the Wood facility, and to the physicians and nurses there for the treatment and care given me. Again I say, "Thank you for everything, Major Froemming and staff."

On my return home, Mrs. Darling began a search for an office for national headquarters. This was difficult, because the many war activities in all central locations had taken all available offices. Finally, an appeal to Governor Sumner Sewall and Gen. George H. Carter, adjutant general of Maine, brought an offer of two rooms in the adjutant general's building at Camp Keyes, Augusta, in which camp I and most of my Maine comrades were sworn into service during the Civil War. October 12, Miss Flood, who was on vacation, came to Augusta. Mrs. Darling and Mr. Stone took me to Augusta to meet her, and we went to Camp Keyes to see the offices. While the camp was rather difficult to reach only by taxi, it seemed best to accept the offer of General Carter. We returned from Augusta to the home of Mrs. Darling in Gray, and that evening discussed staff appointments and other organization matters. The next morning we all went to Portland, where I visited the photographer and sat for the official photographs which are needed through the year. Miss Flood then returned home to finish her vacation, and I was driven back to Oxford.

October 18, I was taken by the American Legion members of my home town, Oxford, to a Legion gathering in Lewiston, Maine, at which the national commander of the American Legion from California was present, and we were photographed together, a veteran of the East greeting a veteran of the West.

Miss Flood returned to Augusta October 19, and took care of the many matters incident to settling the office, while waiting for our records, files, etc., to arrive from California. Winter set in early this year and the doctors deemed it best for me to leave the place where I had boarded for several years and go to the Veterans hospital in Togus, where I would be in an even temperature and have necessary care, should there be danger of pneumonia again, so on November 4, 1943, Col. Malcolm L. Stoddard, manager of Togus Facility, sent a car to

take me to Togus. Here I was assigned a private room, overlooking the park, and was most comfortable through a very severe winter.

November 7, we had our first snowstorm of several feet, followed at intervals by several heavy snowstorms and I was advised by the doctors that I should not attempt to go out. Because of this I could not go to headquarters at Camp Keyes, but Miss Flood came to Togus, at least once a week, and sometimes when important papers needed my signature, she came two or three times a week.

In the afternoon of February 3 I celebrated my birthday. My nephew in New York had provided a large birthday cake and other gifts, through the kindness of Colonel Stoddard, and all members of the home on my floor assembled in the sun parlor with Colonel Stoddard, Gen. George H. Carter, adjutant general of the State of Maine, the doctors and nurses, and shared my birthday cake and all sang Happy Birthday to me. In the morning I had received flowers from the Des Moines Convention Bureau and from Miss Flood, who was in Des Moines arranging for the national encampment. It was a happy day.

Early in March General Carter notified Miss Flood that when he had assigned us the offices in the adjutant general's building, he had supposed we could remain indefinitely, but he would have to have the rooms we were occupying by April 1. They were needed by the Augusta headquarters of the First Service Command. This was a shock to me as no other place was available in Augusta and none could be found earlier in the year in any other city in Maine.

Past Commander in Chief George A. Gay had told me in Milwaukee that we were welcome to office space in the Massachusetts Department headquarters in the State House in Boston, Mass. I wrote him that we had to leave Augusta and he promptly replied that we would be most welcome in Boston. However, when Henry Towle, past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, heard we had to move, he contacted Mr. Henry A. Skillings, superintendent of the City Hall Building in Portland, Maine, who moved a committee into an office with another committee and assigned us room 12 for headquarters. For this courtesy we were truly grateful, for I did want to have headquarters remain in my native State. On March 24, through the courtesy of General Carter, a National Guard truck moved our records, files, etc., to Portland.

April 9, accompanied by Melvin Stone, I went to Boston to attend the Massachusetts encampment April 10-12. That afternoon I was taken to Cambridge to attend the memorial service of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the historic church of Revolutionary times and then taken to dinner. On Tuesday, accompanied by Frank L. Kirchgassner, I was received by Governor Leverett Saltonstall at the State House, and Mayor Maurice J. Tobin at Boston City Hall, and visited all the department conventions of the Allied Orders. I attended the reception and ball of the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary. I was a guest of Mayor Maurice J. Tobin at a luncheon given in my honor at Hotel Bradford on Wednesday, April 11, and also attended the banquet and camp fire of the Woman's Relief Corps and the fathers and daughters banquet of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I attended all sessions of the Grand Army encampment, at which three comrades were present. Thursday morn-

ing. April 13, I went to Concord, N. H., to attend the department encampment. Two comrades of that Department attended and Past Commander in Chief Gay of the Massachusetts department. Here I visited all of the conventions and spoke at the camp fire. April 14 I returned to Togus.

May 24 I returned to Oxford from Togus, glad to see my old friends again. May 30 I participated in the Memorial Day exercises in Oxford in the morning and then Henry Towle, past commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, drove me to Portland, where in the afternoon I was honorary marshall of the Memorial Day parade and was driven by a WAC sergeant in a jeep at the head of the parade.

In the afternoon of May 31 I was rushed back to Togus in the Veterans hospital ambulance and an emergency operation was performed immediately. This prevented me from attending the encampment of the department of Maine in Augusta, June 12-15. However, on the morning of June 14, in my room in the hospital, I installed Comrade George Stuart as department commander and Comrade John Palmer as assistant adjutant general, in the presence of Col. Malcolm Stoddard, commandant, and Lieutenant Colonel Mountford, chief doctor at the Togus facility, several doctors and nurses, Mrs. Grace N. Darling and Melvin Stone. In the afternoon Miss Flood came to see me, accompanied by the retiring and newly elected department presidents of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Maude Warren, national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Frank L. Kirchgassner and Henry Towle, past commanders in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This compensated, in some degree, for my disappointment in not being able to join my comrades in Augusta. For the gifts, money, flowers, and cigars brought by these visitors, I am most grateful.

MEMBERSHIP

The report of the adjutant general shows the toll taken by death. One hundred fifty members have been mustered out during the year, among them 3 national officers, 6 members of the national council of administration, 14 department officers, 9 past department officers, and 2 members-at-large. Four have been lost from causes other than death. This should not be.

Since the last encampment the department commander of Arkansas has passed away, thus closing that department. We now have 27 departments with 249 members and 124 posts. Of these departments five have but one member. The surviving member, in most cases, calls a department encampment and goes through the regular order of business and elects himself department commander. Such is the spirit of my comrades.

FINANCES

Every effort has been made to keep expenses as low as possible, but unexpected conditions have caused expenditures which were not anticipated. Then too, the additional tax on railroad and pullman tickets has caused an additional expense. However, we have kept within the budget allowed by the national council of administration, although this necessitated a transfer from the permanent fund to the

general fund of \$2,500. There is remaining in the general fund sufficient money to meet all the closing bills of this encampment.

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND

Since the national encampment of 1939, the only money given us for our southern memorial fund has come from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and this, with the money on hand, has been sufficient to care for the nearly 100 National Cemeteries in the South. From this fund is also taken the money to pay for the wreaths placed at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Ill., on the graves of Dr. Stephenson and Chaplain Rutledge, co-founders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and on the Statue of General John A. Logan in Grant Park, Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Money is also sent to the Ambassadors to England and to Mexico. In London the Embassy officials see that a wreath is placed on the statue of Abraham Lincoln, with an appropriate program, and in Mexico elaborate ceremonies are held in the United States National Cemetery in Mexico City, attended by all Embassy officials stationed there, and the wreath is placed by a Military Aide. From all places where our wreaths are placed, come printed programs from the superintendents of the cemeteries, and many this year report that the Grand Army tribute was the only tribute received.

For many years the Grand Army of the Republic, when its membership was large and there were many large posts in the South, sent large sums of money to the southern departments for Memorial Day expenses, some years as high as \$6,000 being sent. As our membership dwindled Quartermaster General Stowits asked Flo Jamison Miller to handle the fund and distribution, as she had visited many of the southern cemeteries and had reported conditions there to him. Through her personal visits in the South, at her own expense, she had learned much of the situation there and through the information thus gained was able to bring about a great reduction in the expenditures, so that for the past few years less than \$800 has covered the cost of a floral piece to all national cemeteries. Since the death of Mrs. Miller, the work has been carried on by her daughter, Zola Miller Donahoe, who files with national headquarters all receipted bills and letters received from the superintendents of the cemeteries. In many reports photographs are enclosed with programs and newspaper clippings.

We have taken much pride in this observance of Memorial Day in the South, but now with a balance of about \$75 in the southern memorial fund it seems that next year the name of the Grand Army of the Republic will not appear on May 30 in the Southern States. This is a cause of sorrow to me and my comrades. To work for funds, we are not able; we will not beg. To Mrs. Donahoe and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we are most grateful for their help.

I am now anticipating meeting my friends on August 26 at the Augusta House, in Augusta, Maine, where the organizations in the Grand Army family will tender me a reception and a dinner.

STATE OF THE ORDER

For more than 2 years there has been trouble in a midwestern department and the matter was thoroughly discussed in the meeting of the national council of administration and the comrade most concerned offered to surrender the charter of his post and become a member-at-large of his department. The council voted to recommend to the national encampment that this offer be accepted. The National encampment so voted, the comrade making the offer, present and assenting. However, immediately after the comrade returned home he repudiated the agreement made and in January sent an affidavit "rescinding" his agreement made in the national encampment, forgetting that all parties to an agreement must agree if it is to be "rescinded." Affairs reached such a state that in February I referred the matter to a past department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a judge of the Superior Court of Maine, for advice as to legality of any action to be taken. Matters finally became so bad, on March 16 I suspended the comrade until the meeting of the national encampment, or until such time as he should keep his word. The matter must be settled by this national encampment, that the name of the Grand Army of the Republic may be kept out of court actions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All officers have represented the organization in their respective cities and departments and I appreciate their willingness to serve.

Without the assistance of the Auxiliary and allied orders we could not long continue, and as our membership dwindles, greater financial assistance will be needed if we are to maintain an office and reply to the many inquiries which come to us asking for Civil War information and for service records to prove citizenship of the writers.

I have regretted my inability to meet with the heads of our organizations more often during the year, but I enjoyed my association with Mrs. Anna Anschutz, national president, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Theo C. Redfern, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Miss Ora Cox, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; C. LeRoy Stroudt, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Maude B. Warren, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the various meetings during the Massachusetts and New Hampshire encampments and am looking forward to meeting them again in Des Moines, where I can thank them personally for the cards, gifts, and flowers sent me during the year.

I am deeply indebted to Gen. George H. Carter, adjutant general of Maine, for giving us office space in the adjutant general's building at Camp Keyes in Augusta, and Miss Flood joins me in thanking him and all members of his staff for many courtesies and favors shown her. To Mr. Henry A. Skillings, superintendent of the Portland City Hall, I extend my thanks for his willingness to provide an office for headquarters in city hall. To him and the employes of his department Miss Flood and I express our sincere appreciation for assistance given.

I cannot fully thank Henry Towle for the great assistance rendered during the year in securing the office in city hall, Portland, and for driving Miss Flood from Portland to Togus when it was necessary to consult me on office matters. This has lightened the work of the secretary to a great extent and she too says "Thank you" to Henry.

Miss Flood, our national secretary, deserves deepest gratitude for her care of the office and for her faithful attention to my care and comfort throughout the year.

I am especially indebted to Col. Malcolm L. Stoddard, manager of the veterans' facility at Togus, Maine, and to all of the doctors and nurses for the splendid care and attention given me there.

Now comes the close of my administration. I started my year with a great desire to be of service, but illness so early in my term of office prevented the fulfillment of my wishes. I suppose at 95 one shouldn't plan on being too active, but the spirit was willing if the flesh was weak.

Secretary FLOOD. The senior vice commander in chief wants to know what action shall be taken on this report.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I move it be accepted as read and placed on file.

Secretary FLOOD. That is not the proper procedure. There should be a motion to appoint a committee on the report of the commander in chief.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief LANSING A. WILCOX (in the chair). Will some comrade make a motion that a committee be appointed to investigate the report of the commander in chief and make a report according to their judgment?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I would make that motion that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report back.

(Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. The motion has been made and seconded that this committee be appointed. What do you wish to do with that motion? All those in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "no."

(Carried.)

Secretary FLOOD. The committee: George A. Gay, Past Commander in Chief, Hiram R. Gale, Washington and Alaska, and William P. Lockwood, Illinois.

Commander in Chief JONES (resuming the chair). I will ask for a motion for a committee on the reports of other officers.

Secretary FLOOD. Committee on reports of other officers: George A. Gay, past commander in chief; Theo. A. Penland, of Oregon; and Wm. H. Osborn, of Missouri.

There is a greetings committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army outside, and the officer of the day will admit them.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY (Lt. Edward C. Skinner, Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War). Commander in Chief, I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Haskell, of the Ladies of the Grand Army, with her committee, bringing greetings to the convention.

Secretary FLOOD. The committee are Frances M. Haskell, past national president, from Washington and Alaska; Margaret Grandle,

past national president, Kansas; Bertha Hunt, past department president, Iowa; and Mrs. Edna Weigle, department president, Iowa.

Commander in Chief JONES. I will call on Mrs. Haskell as chairman of the committee.

Mrs. HASKELL. Commander in Chief, officers, and all of my comrades, I bring greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and their love and wishes for your successful and splendid convention. Such a few gathered, but that does not matter, does it? It is what you stand for. You are representing the whole United States, the whole advancement of this United States. Everything that has come along in our time in the United States is due to you boys, who have made it possible for us, and we thank you today. We love you and we bring loving greetings to Miss Flood. I have a little gift here for the commander in chief from the national president, Theo Redfern. She sent this to you, and I want to leave my love with you and my blessing, wishing many, many more years of your life to bless this nation and bless our organizations. We love you one and all. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mrs. GRANDLE. My beloved commander in chief and his honored staff, and my father's comrades I am a daughter and a granddaughter of your comrades. My grandfather was killed at the battle of Shiloh. We want you to hear from us again of our appreciation for you, our fathers. It seems so unnecessary for us to say that, but we just can't say it often enough. I want you to know that as long as we have daughters and granddaughters of you and our fathers we will always work for the things that you worked for—good citizenship, loyalty, freedom, and peace—even if we give our sons and are giving our sons for that.

We are sad in Kansas and miss our commander in chief, Comrade Nixon, your beloved comrade. But we had him a long time and we know that he is safe in the arms of Jesus, for he was a grand, Christian man.

Commander in chief, our national president of course has traveled with you for so many years as your companion, and she just wishes that she could be here, and so she has sent this little personal gift, a personal gift from Theo Redfern to you.

God bless you all, comrades. I am so thankful that we have so many of you present at this meeting.

Secretary FLOOD. The department president of Iowa, Mrs. Weigle.

Mrs. WEIGLE. Commander in chief, comrades of the official family, comrades all as department president of the Ladies of the Grand Army I am bringing you a message from our national president, Sister Theo, and our very best wishes and our most gracious love. Thank you. This is the first time that I have ever had this wonderful opportunity to visit you, and I am so happy that it will go down on my records as one of the most outstanding events of my work of service to this department. May God bless you all and give you health and strength is my prayer. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. The chairman of the committee on arrangements at this encampment for the Ladies of the GAR, Mrs. Bertha Hunt, and I know how hard she has worked and how well she has succeeded.

Mrs. HUNT. Commander in chief, your official family, my father's comrades I just want to bring this word of greetings to you with my

love and tell you that I am happy indeed to meet all of you here; and I thank Miss Flood for her kind words.

Mrs. HASKELL. Miss Flood, you know you never could keep me down. I have a gift here for you from Theo. She said to give it to you with her fondest love, and she would always carry the memories of her year.

Secretary FLOOD. Sister Frances, will you take back to Theo my appreciation of this remembrance, and I want to tell you how cooperative she has been this year. There has been no rift in our relations in any way. Whatever was arranged she was willing to accept because she knew it was all that could be done, and nobody was to blame if it could not be done better. Take back to her my love and my thanks, and I will tell her when I see her how I feel.

Mrs. HASKELL. I want to say this. When I was national president I did not have a better friend in the United States than Miss Flood. She was right at my elbow. Anything I wanted to know in the history of the order or the comrades or anything, she had it right at her finger tips. She helped me more than you will ever know. I could not get a box to put it in, but I have got this for you as just a little remembrance.

Secretary FLOOD. Frances, I do prize this and I shall wear it. I don't know whether there is any insinuation in it. She has given me a peacock.

Mrs. HASKELL. I have a story to tell you. A man when away—he was a traveling man—didn't leave his wife any money. So his wife wired him, "Send me some money. How do you think I am going to live without money?" And he wired back, "I am sending you by telegraph 5,000 kisses." She got the message and she wired back: "Thanks. I received the check for the 5,000 kisses and the ice man cashed it."

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. I wish to make a little statement here in Mrs. Haskell's presence. I want her to verify it. There is an old ladies' home in Washington to care for the women. When I was a citizen of that state I presented the home with \$500 cash and I want Mrs. Haskell to verify it.

Mrs. HASKELL. Oh, yes, you did, just when we needed it badly, comrade. He was always a friend to our home.

There was an old man came to town and he had an old wobbly horse and a Democrat wagon and he was driving along. And he had taken a little hard spirits in the town. Driving along home the horse could hardly move, and he said, "Get up! Get up!" and got out his whip. Pretty soon the horse fell down, and the man could not get it up. Finally he said, "Get up, will you? If you don't get up, darn you, I'll drive right over you."

Past Commander in Chief GEORGE A. GAY. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is a pleasure for me to tell you that my wife is a member of your organization. And I want to say further that we as members of the Grand Army of the Republic are very happy to greet you here, and God bless you. When you retire to your homes and you meet in your organizations say to your people that we send them the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. [Applause.]

Mrs. HASKELL. I want to say that you are the greatest organization in the world that ever has been or can be. There is such a thing as the greatest secretary in the world. There is no secretary in the world that has done for you comrades what Katharine Flood has done. Remember that.

Secretary FLOOD. I want to say that the flowers on the desk were sent by Bertha M. Finke, national president of the Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans. Irma Hill Vogel has sent them in with that organization's greetings:

We greet you Comrades of the Grand Army with these flowers which will assure you of our continued respect and love.

IRMA HILL VOGEL, *Illinois.*

AGNES UPELL BOYCE, *Minnesota.*

XENIA ELLIS PATTERSON, *Iowa.*

JENNIE STITT, *Missouri.*

At the meeting of the national council Monday the following action was taken:

The national council of administration at its meeting Monday afternoon, September 11, 1944, recommended to the national encampment that it authorize the commander in chief to appoint a committee to consider and report upon a revision of the rules and regulations with respect to the elimination of certain of the national offices and such other amendments as may be necessary to meet present day conditions in the order.

The commander wants to know what action you want to take on that motion. It was passed by the National council.

The greetings committee from the Ladies brought you a message from their national president that she expects all comrades to be at the Kirkwood Hotel tonight at 6 o'clock for their banquet. If you will wait down in the lobby by the door the ladies will get you. You should be ready about 5:30.

Mrs. HASKELL. We are expecting you, Katharine.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, you have the recommendation. Nobody has made a motion to accept it yet.

Junion Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I make that motion.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Shumate, junior vice commander in chief, makes the motion that this recommendation of the national council be accepted. Does anyone second it? (Seconded by several.) And for the commander in chief I ask those who are in favor to say "Aye." Those opposed? Commander in chief, will you say it has passed?

Commander in Chief JONES. I will declare that motion accepted.

Secretary FLOOD. The committee appointed by the commander in chief to consider the revisions is: George A. Gay, Massachusetts; Theodore A. Penland, Oregon; William H. Osborn, Missouri.

Comrades, when you get back from the campfire tonight if you will come in the Green Room I will have the necessary revisions ready for you to consider—Comrade Osborn, Comrade Penland, and Comrade Gay.

This is Mrs. Lillian M. Gardiner, secretary of the Department of California and Nevada, Grand Army of the Republic, who is bringing you the greetings of the California comrades.

Mrs. GARDINER. Commander in Chief, officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and comrades. For the first time since our Grand

Army of the Republic was organized, I guess, the Grand Army from California could not be with you. They feel terribly bad about it, but the railroad ticket agents really and truly talked them out of it. You know in the past we have always had a private car of our own to come to the convention in, but the railroad companies could not give us one this time and so our comrades could not come. They felt terribly bad.

We have, I think, still the largest department, having 28 members, and they range in age from 96 to 103, and I want to tell you that our three comrades who will be 103 in November and December are really and truly better than the comrades of 96. They just get around fine. I imagine that you remember Comrade Smith, our department commander last time. Comrade Mingay, who is our commander this time, is blind, so it would be terribly hard to take him through the train. He said, and all the rest of the comrades, "Be sure to extend the greetings of California to all the comrades at our convention." They insisted that I come and have their headquarters so California would be represented. And they all join in wishing you just a wonderful encampment and a fine trip home. Thank you.

Miss Flood has just reminded me that Colonel Martin also wanted to be remembered—our Colonel Martin. You all remember him. He did love to go places. But Colonel Martin has stayed at home so long now, since the doctor has ordered him to stay in, that he kind of wants to stay there now. He really is not ill, but he cannot walk very far because his knees kind of go from under him, and sometimes he does forget, and so he has to be very careful. The physician told him, "Now listen, Colonel Martin, if you want to stay with us for a long time you stay at home and be quiet." So that is what the colonel has to do. And he wanted to be remembered to you.

Secretary FLOOD. I am sure you are all glad to have those greetings from your California comrades and particularly from your adjutant general, Colonel Martin. Now we have the greetings from commander, past commander in chief, your commander in chief of last year, Comrade John S. Dumser. [Reading:]

OAKLAND, CALIF., September 8, 1944.

To the National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Des Moines, Iowa.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF JONES AND COMRADES: I am addressing my affectionate greetings and best wishes to each one of you now present in this session of the encampment from the quiet of my California home. May you have a harmonious and a happy time in your session and with all our Grand Army family so dear to us in the strong ties of fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

I cannot tell how disappointed and grieved I am to miss this meeting with you, but after an operation nearly 3 months ago and the extreme illness which followed it with extreme prostration, I am still very weak and now making a slow but sure recovery—not yet able to leave my home for church or business or meetings of any kind. I hope for a full recovery and the ability to resume my duties, with the help of God. Comrades, please remember me in your prayers, and may our Heavenly Father bless and keep and guide you all.

Yours affectionately in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN S. DUMSER,
Commander in Chief GAR 1943.

I also have greetings from the Des Moines Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars:

Greetings and a hearty welcome are extended to you at your annual GAR seventy-eighth annual encampment in Des Moines.

May your stay be pleasant and your convention a grand success.

Yours in comradeship,

MRS. LEONA M. BREEN,
Secretary, Ladies in Auxiliary to Post 738, VFW.

General Orders No. 4 requested each department commander to file in the national headquarters here by Tuesday evening the names of the department's recommendation for the council of administration and for the committee on resolutions. We have only received the Massachusetts' council of administration, George A. Gay, and since he is the only comrade present he will also act on the committee on resolutions. I have received by mail from the Department of Oklahoma the nomination of Dr. E. H. Sawyer for the national council of administration from his department. Now I am going to call the roll and I want the department commander to tell me whether there will be a new nomination from his department or whether the comrade whose name is on the roll will still continue.

(Upon the call of the roll the following nominations for the council of administration were reported:)

Illinois: William P. Lockwood
Indiana: Isaac W. Sharp
Iowa: John P. Martin
Michigan: Martin J. Warner
Missouri: William H. Osborn
New Hampshire: Lyman E. Butterfield
Oregon: T. A. Penland
Utah: Ira W. Stormes

Secretary FLOOD. Commander, in the general orders appeared the names of the committees to prepare resolutions on the deaths of our three national officers who were mustered out this year. The committee on resolutions on the death of Chief of Staff Thomas B. Williams, of Kansas, submit the following [reading]:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF CHIEF OF STAFF THOMAS B. WILLIAMS

Comrade Thomas B. Williams, national chief of staff, died in office January 12, 1944, aged 94 years. Comrade Williams was born in Illinois and enlisted March 6, 1865, in Company I, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, and was discharged September 16, 1865. He, with many other veterans of the Civil War, moved to Kansas and helped to settle that great State. He early joined the Grand Army of the Republic, filling all offices in his post. In 1939 he was elected department commander and had served as assistant adjutant general of Kansas Department since 1940. His comrades will miss his faithful service and his genial comradeship.

WILLIAM H. OSBORN, *Missouri.*
GEORGE F. STUART, *Maine.*
ALONZO McMURPHY, *Kansas.*

The Commander wants to know whether you want to accept these all at once or accept each one as it is read. They can all be read and then accepted if you so wish. Are there any objections to that?

Comrade HIRAM R. GALE, of Washington and Alaska. I will move that they be accepted at one time.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion has been made by Comrade Gale, and seconded, that the resolutions shall be read and accepted in one mo-

tion. All those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed? [Carried.]
[Reading:]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
EUGENE OWEN

Comrade Eugene Owen, quartermaster general and also assistant adjutant general, Department of Michigan, died in office February 24, 1944; age, 95 years. Comrade Owen was born in Perry, Ohio, January 19, 1849. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Infantry, August 25, 1864. After 20 days training, he reached Murfreesboro and was in the Battle of Stone River. In 4 months he participated in four battles, including the Battle of Nashville, where he was wounded. Later he was ill with typhoid and then had smallpox. He was discharged at Louisville June 8, 1865. For 28 years after the Civil War he was a sailor on the Great Lakes. Comrade Owen joined Custer Post in 1919, having been post commander since 1928. He had served the Department of Michigan as assistant adjutant general several years, and was elected senior vice department commander in 1933. In January 1942, following the death of Quartermaster General Hamilton, he was appointed quartermaster general, and was reappointed in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1942, and again at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1943. A faithful comrade and officer, he will be missed by his comrades.

THEODORE A. PENLAND, *Oregon.*

LEWIS M. HIESTON, *Ohio.*

MARTIN J. WARNER, *Michigan.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
WILLIAM W. NIXON

Comrade William W. Nixon, judge advocate general, died in office March 17, 1944, aged 98 years. He was born near Pittsburgh, Pa., February 22, 1846, son of Samuel and Jane Steele Nixon. He enlisted January 30, 1864, as a private in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, which served as an infantry regiment until the close of the war. He participated in the Battle of Cold Harbor and served in the Battle of Petersburg and at Fort Harrison. He was stationed at Farmville, Va., when Lee surrendered. He was discharged at Philadelphia January 29, 1866.

Comrade Nixon joined S. R. Deach Post No. 58 in 1883 and served in all offices in the post. In 1934 he was elected department commander of Kansas Department. In 1943 he was again elected department commander. He served several terms as member of the executive committee of the national council of administration. He was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1939 and had been elected trustee of the permanent fund several times, serving in that position when he died. He was elected commander in chief in 1940 and presided at the Diamond Jubilee Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, in 1941. Comrade Nixon was appointed judge advocate general in 1943.

He had been a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and his home was closely linked with his church. He carried his religion into his daily life and sincerely lived the teachings of his faith. The Grand Army of the Republic mourns with his two sons and six daughters the loss of a devoted father and loyal comrade.

"Tears would but shake the quiet of his rest
And mar the dignity of death for him.
Weep not! On Recollection's tender crest
Ride happy memories that never dim."

GEORGE A. GAY,

Past Commander in Chief.

A. T. ANDERSON,

Past Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Past Commander in Chief.

The commander in chief awaits a motion to accept these resolutions.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I move that they be accepted and spread upon the records. (Motion seconded by several.)

Secretary FLOOD. All those in favor will say "aye." Those opposed? It is a vote.

Comrades, the papers and some of the Nation-wide magazines are most anxious to get a picture of the entire encampment. There are greetings committees on the way here, and one of the photographers is out there, and he would like to enter and take your pictures now. Is there any objection? You want your picture taken? The encampment will be at ease for a few minutes while the photographer may come in.

(A short recess was then had during which photographs of the members of the encampment were taken.)

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. A committee from the Sons of Veterans, from my own organization. They are here to give you their greetings. Past Commander in Chief Towle, Past Commander in Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, and Past Commander in Chief Ralph R. Barrett.

Past Commander in Chief HENRY TOWLE. Commander in Chief Jones, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it was a privilege that we could come here and give you greetings and sincere best wishes of your sons, the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. I take particular pride in coming today, because the commander in chief and I are friends, coming from my home State. I am unable to express the feelings that I have in being able to come here today. I am not going to detain you very long. I know that the commander in chief knows that I am better at leading community singing than I am making speeches. So I will introduce Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, of California.

Dr. BARRETT. Commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of this encampment, I assure you it is a pleasure for us as Sons of Union Veterans to have this moment in your presence. You have always been a great inspiration to us, and even today as we look back to our fathers and those in the family group who went out in the great Civil War to establish principles of life and living in this great country of ours that we are still enjoying today. And we are going to be proud as your sons and grandsons and great grandsons in an organization to carry on those principles. We love the principles that you love. We inherited from you that love of freedom and equality and justice because the great Commander in chief of your army established those principles pretty firmly in the minds and hearts of the people of the day. And we would just say this, that we are privileged—I feel especially that I am privileged to be in your presence and congratulate you upon the success of this encampment that you are holding in this day.

I could without any question, I expect, bring you congratulations and well wishes from a past commander in chief of your organization, Russell C. Martin. We see him occasionally there in Los Angeles, and most of the other Civil War veterans. There are a goodly number of them yet to inspire us. They love us and we love them. They are our dads, and we your sons congratulate you upon this presence here in this encampment. [Applause.]

Mr. KIRCHGASSNER. Comrades, I am happy to join my comrades in coming and bringing greetings from your sons from our encampment. I am happy to come from a neighboring State to that from which your commander in chief comes. I come from Massachusetts where Comrade Gay, who served you a couple of years ago, comes from, and it was my privilege to travel with him a good deal in those States.

So when they come to Boston, Mass., for the department encampments for a few years it has been my privilege to take care of the commander in chief and the comrades that come. So we were happy to have Commander in chief Jones come to us.

Then when I journeyed down into Maine to their department encampment the commander in chief was not there, but we saw him at Togus in the home there being cared for.

So we are happy in these days to see so many of you here to give us inspiration and to give your inspiration to the youth of the land.

We are in a great war. Young men, boys, and girls are out fighting for this country of ours, and we cannot say too strongly that because we have this united country that it was because of your services and sacrifices in 1861 to 1865 that made it possible to save the United States of America and your great grandsons perhaps are now doing what you did for your country. God bless you and may you continue to have health and enjoyment that you may gather again in counsel and comradeship.

Secretary FLOOD. Past Commander in chief Gay, who is also a son of a veteran.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Sons of veterans, we are proud and we are happy to have you come to us, the Grand Army of the Republic, and bring to us your greetings. To my brother in the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans I want to say that I have enjoyed many happy moments in riding with him in his splendid car, and he always landed me safely home or to where I could get transportation to get home. And so I am happy to see his face here today. I often think of him.

I hope that I shall have the opportunity to see all of you not only this time but 3 or 4 years hence. I cannot live forever, but I want to live just as long as I can, and I want to do as I have done, all I can for you comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. The sun that was rising is setting for you comrades and me on this side of eternity. There is a eulogy that I want to quote. I love it, because I believe it is true. It is this:

Although all those that have passed and gone over the River to the Happy Land where there is peace, there is no death. Those who are dead, we think are dead, are not dead. They live. They stand beside us. They tell us things are true.

Why dream of poppied sod,
When we can feel their breath?
When flower and soul
And God knows
There is no death. [Applause.]

(The committee retires.)

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, the national president of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mrs. Hazel Miller, and the department junior vice president, Mrs. Ruth Myers, are here with greetings.

This is the pretty lady you had your picture taken with the other day, Mrs. Miller. And this is Mrs. Myers.

Mrs. MILLER. Thank you for the opportunity of meeting with you the other night when I brought greetings from my organization, and now I am bringing our picture.

I want to tell you how much our organization, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the VFW, appreciate all your many years of patriotic service. You

have been our inspiration and model for years and will continue to be. I know you have had a part in my taking an interest in patriotic affairs. I have known Mr. Gudgel, your member, for years in Shenandoah. When we had a patriotic program put on by one of your comrades, Mr. A. S. Lake, I always took part in the program, and he admonished me to always speak up for our America, and I shall endeavor to do that with all of the voice in me.

I would like to introduce the department vice president, Mrs. Ruth Myers, of Des Moines.

Mrs. MYERS. In behalf of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Iowa, I wish to extend to you the greetings of these ladies and wish you a very successful and harmonious meeting. [Presenting flowers.]

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Penland, of Portland, will you respond to the greetings of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars?

Comrade T. A. PENLAND, of Oregon. I am truly happy to know that the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has come to give their greetings here today. I am so happy to know that that is the fact. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. Officer of the Day, when you retire will you bring in the greetings committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans?

(Committee presented.)

Secretary FLOOD. The greetings committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans is Mrs. Blanche L. Beverstock, past national president, New Hampshire; Ada B. Ewell, past department president, Massachusetts; Anna Atkins, department president, New Hampshire; and now we come to Maine, Commander. Frances L. Warner, department president, Maine; Mildred R. Webster, past department president, of Maine; Laura Flye Smith, past department president, of Maine; Alice Brown, past Auxiliary president, of Maine; Beulah Freeman, past Auxiliary president, of Maine; and Lila Weir, past department president, Connecticut; and Edith Hotchkiss, department president, Connecticut.

Mrs. BEVERSTOCK. I am very happy this afternoon to bring to you the greetings of our national organization, and our national president, Sister Maude B. Warren, wanted me to give you this with her love, sending her best wishes to you.

Commander in Chief JONES. Thank you.

Mrs. BEVERSTOCK. I do hope you boys will have a splendid convention and that you will keep well and we will see you again next year.

Secretary FLOOD. The past department president of Massachusetts says she is going to step back for the Maine people. Mrs. Warner.

Mrs. WARNER. Commander in Chief, it is a great pleasure for me to greet you here today and bring to you our love and esteem. Two years ago at this time you were at my house for dinner, and I want you to just be remembering the fact that the last day of September you will be there again. I hope God will keep you strong and you will be able to join me again this year.

Mrs. WEBSTER. Comrade Jones, I am glad to be here and extend my very best wishes to you.

Mrs. SMITH. Commander in Chief, I am extremely pleased to be able to greet you at your convention, and I am especially glad to see so many of the Grand Army veterans who are able to be present here.

May you long be with us. May you have a beautiful convention and as many more of them as you can.

Secretary FLOOD. For your information there are 20 comrades here from 13 States.

Alice, the little lady who is coming up, has made many trips with me since spring and during the summer to the hospital when I went to see the commander in chief, and they had some old-time memories to discuss and I was just out of it.

Mrs. BROWN. Commander, I am glad to greet you and all your comrades again. I want to tell you that the commander in chief and I happen to go to Sebago Lake and fish for salmon.

Mrs. FREEMAN. I am glad to greet you at your convention and I hope you will have a very happy time. I have enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. WEIR. I am glad to greet you, Commander, and I hope that you have a wonderful convention. I bring you greetings from Connecticut.

Commander in Chief JONES. We are enjoying it very much.

Secretary FLOOD. Edith Hotchkiss, department president of Connecticut.

Mrs. HOTCHKISS. Commander in Chief and boys, it certainly gives me great pleasure to bring the greetings as department president of Connecticut, and I wish you a very happy convention.

Secretary FLOOD. Ada B. Ewell, past department president, of Massachusetts. If you only had Rhode Island you would have all of the New England States.

Mrs. EWELL. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am very happy to bring to you and your comrades greetings from the Massachusetts Department. I trust you may be able to be with us for many, many more conventions.

Secretary FLOOD. Anna Atkins, department president of New Hampshire, will speak.

Mrs. ATKINS. Comrades, New Hampshire is mighty proud to come down here on this committee. We wish you the best of luck. To our own comrade we send piles of love. We are back of him 100 per cent. He knows it because I just kissed him. Comrade Gay, you are still part of New Hampshire, so we love you too.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gale, if you will respond to the greetings.

Comrade HIRAM R. GALE, of Washington and Alaska. I want to say to this committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans that this message that they have brought is very cheering. This is an inspiration. It causes in us a feeling of determination to carry on just as long as one of us is able to carry on, as health permits, and when we are gone we know that we can depend on these dear ones to carry on this grand work that we have done for this country—a work that must be done if the country is to endure, always remembering, dear girls, that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Go forward with your work and as you do remember us with all kindness, because it will cheer us to know that you think of us and wish for us everything that is best while we are still here. So you take back to your order the warm greetings of the comrades and our appreciation for the kind message you have brought from them to us. I thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. If the officer of the day will escort the greetings committee from the Sons' Auxiliary out and bring in the greetings committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and when they are gone, comrades, you may adjourn. You are all getting anxious to rest. In 5 minutes more you will be dismissed.

(Committee presented by the officer of the day.)

Secretary FLOOD. We are not letting the commander in chief rise, because all of the rising and sitting down is rather strenuous. Comrades, this is a greetings committee from your Daughters: Past National President Matilda D. Roberts, Past National President Anne Raeyling, and Past National President Mattie Reason Tucker.

Mrs. ROBERTS. Commander in chief and comrades, this is a great privilege, one of the greatest privileges that a Daughter of Union Veterans could have. I have come to bring greetings to our fathers' comrades, the Boys in Blue. You are nearer and dearer in the hearts of the Daughters of Union Veterans than anyone else, and we want you to know that we want to do for you whatever we can. You will always live in our memories, and we will perpetuate your memories, and we will teach our children and our grandchildren to honor and to revere you and those things that you have done, for the sacrifices that you made for your country and your flag. God speed you in your work and may you come to meet again, with all our best wishes and blessings. Our national president wants me to extend greetings to every comrade here from her with her love: and this little remembrance she has sent to the commander in chief with her love and best wishes for a happy and pleasant encampment.

Mrs. RAEYLING. My dear Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, my father's comrades, it is a great pleasure for me to be here today to meet and greet you. I wish to add my own personal greetings to all the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I hope that I may have the pleasure of coming again next year to greet my father's comrades. I thank you.

Mrs. TUCKER. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and all comrades, it is also a great privilege to me to come to you. I was here last year. I think I was here the year before. And I hope I will have the opportunity to come next year. I do miss my own past commander in chief, William W. Nixon, who has passed on this past year. I am so glad I know all of you here, and I think you know me too. Comrade Gay comes from my State. I am Mattie Reason Tucker. Do you think you remember me?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I recognize you.

Mrs. TUCKER. Now then, I am so glad to see you here, and glad you were able to come to our banquet last night and I hope that all of you will be with us many more years to come.

Secretary FLOOD. The commander in chief would like Department Commander Comrade Sharp to respond to the Daughters' greetings.

Comrade ISAAC W. SHARP, of Indiana. I want to say to these girls that we are very proud that we have you as our assistant. I thought a while ago that we as an organization are carrying on when the girls are doing it all for us. Without you we could not do it now. We have in the day when we were active in the service of our country, but today we are simply meditating and listening and watching our assistants.

I am kind of tender inside today. I spent 42 years in the school-

room with the children, teaching them. A lady stopped me on the road today, on the street, and she asked me if I was not Professor Sharp. I said, "Yes, they call me that sometimes." She said, "I went to school to you 40 years ago." Wherever I go I find them. I kept after them to put her back in school. And now she is a woman in the world, fine in every way.

We are thankful to have you come to us. We send our greetings back to you, wishing you a happy time. God bless you.

Mrs. ROBERTS. Commander Sharp is my department commander. We are very proud of you, Comrade Sharp.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Sharp said he was feeling pretty tender. I have noticed that our comrades are all feeling tender when their Daughters come. They seem always to be particularly affected by their visit. And Comrade Sharp was affected today by the former pupils he met on the street and who greeted him. He taught them 40 years ago.

When this committee retires, after a couple of announcements, you comrades will be at ease.

Comrade SHARP. There is a story back of it. My mother left me when I was 3½. I have had no mother. You have been my mother since all my life. That is what is touching me. My mother went home.

Secretary FLOOD. You will remember that at 5:30 you are to be in the lobby near the door waiting for the Ladies of the GAR, who will come to take you to their banquet. You will all be taken and you must be down there and wait for them to come after you. A motion is in order to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I make the motion that we adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Secretary FLOOD. Seconded by Comrade Wilcox, that this meeting adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in this room. All those in favor? It is a vote. Your commander in chief declares you adjourned. (4:20 p. m.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1944

Morning session, 9:48 a. m.

(Nineteen comrades present, Comrade Martin having gone home.)

Commander in Chief JONES. Please come to order and we will proceed to business. Comrade Gudgel, will you please offer the prayer?

Comrade JOHN M. GUDGEL, of Iowa. We thank Thee, kind and Heavenly Father, this morning for this fine morning we have. We thank Thee that we are permitted to be in this hall to do the business of the Grand Army of the Republic. Bless us each one this morning that we may do our duty in selecting our officers and doing everything within our power that is right. Guide us, Heavenly Father, as in the past in all our ways; guide and direct us. We ask all these blessings in the name of the blessed Redeemer.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, the question of a meeting place for the next encampment should now be determined, and we have one invitation. [Reading:]

COLUMBUS CONVENTION BUREAU,
Columbus 15, Ohio, September 5, 1944.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Affiliated Organizations assembled in Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa

GENTLEMEN AND LADIES: Ohio's capital city is very hopeful that we may be host to your 1945 encampment.

Columbus is so centrally located, with excellent transportation facilities and assured hotel accommodations, that we believe its selection will assure a larger attendance of our comrades and affiliated organizations than any other city, particularly under present restricted travel conditions.

Relative to the required expense budget, we are between sessions of the legislature which convenes January 1, 1945. Our present legislature as well as our State officials will be somewhat changed in personnel. We have discussed the proposed GAR budget with the present leadership and they are unanimous in the opinion that a \$5,000 expense item will be approved. If in the wisdom of your leadership it would be timely to postpone selection of your encampment city until February, as you did the last time you met in Columbus, we sincerely believe our request will be granted.

In our proposed hotel reservations for the encampment, the Neil House will be available together with all other hotels of Columbus. We provide, gratuitous, the use of memorial hall and all other headquarters for the comfort and convenience of all affiliated organizations.

Recalling with appreciation former encampments held in our city and with the hope that we may be host to your splendid organizations, we are,

Very truly yours,

N. R. BAKER, *President.*
JOSEPH E. CROSS, *Manager.*

STATE OF OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Columbus, September 5, 1944.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Affiliated Organizations assembled in Encampment at Des Moines

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Recalling with appreciation the very excellent Seventy-fifth National GAR encampment held in our capital city 3 years ago, I wish to extend best wishes and greetings to the comrades and affiliated organizations, and with it the hope that Columbus may be host to your Seventy-ninth encampment in 1945.

Our State is centrally located and readily accessible by rail, motor, and air. Columbus is splendidly equipped to provide the required facilities for the convenience and entertainment of its many guests.

Our capital city has proved its ability to meet the requirements of conventions of any size in a most satisfactory manner and its facilities for the transaction of business and the entertainment of guests are unexcelled.

Our State administration welcomes delegates and visitors to our capital city of Columbus and every courtesy will be extended by our executive office, as well as at all of our State departments and educational institutions.

Very truly yours,

JOHN W. BRICKER, *Governor of Ohio.*

CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
September 5, 1944.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Affiliated Organizations assembled at Des Moines, Iowa.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: As mayor of Columbus I desire to join with our Governor, convention bureau, and other agencies in extending a cordial invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated groups, to enjoy the hospitality of a patriotic and truly American city in 1945.

Our hotels are outstanding as to number, size, and equipment, and diversified enough to provide every type of accommodation at reasonable prices. The

auditoriums and other central meeting places are adequate to accommodate assemblies of various sizes and requirements.

Columbus is a natural headquarters for the administrative functions of State government and is outstanding in its educational, military, and religious activities.

I pledge every possible contribution for your welfare from our city administration and we look forward to having you as a welcome guest.

Sincerely-yours,

JAMES A. RHOADES, *Mayor*.

Then there is a letter from the Hotel Association pledging that the regular rates shall be observed and no prices shall be changed.

That is the only invitation we have received. You will note that it does not now pledge the money required, but they feel sure that when the legislature meets it will make the appropriation as it did in '41. What is the pleasure of the encampment?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. None from Springfield?

Secretary FLOOD. No.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. There was to be one from Springfield. I come from Springfield. Why not go to Springfield and make that your headquarters? There is where the Grand Army was born, in Springfield, Ill. We have there Lincoln's home. He is buried there. There is where he practiced law. We will take as good care of you there as any place else. They were talking about appropriating \$12,000 when I came away. I don't know whether they have done it or not. If they have I think we ought to go there. I was talking to a legislature man and the Governor when I came away. I met them and they were talking about doing that—\$12,000. I know they would take good care of us. That is all.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Shumate wanted to know if there was an invitation from Springfield, Ill. He thinks you should vote to go there. There is no invitation, and I know, Comrade Shumate, that under present conditions there are no hotel rooms either.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. We can take care of you all right.

Secretary FLOOD. You have to have rooms for people to sleep in. But there is no invitation here from Springfield.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. Columbus, Ohio has had it since Springfield has.

Secretary FLOOD. What is the pleasure of the encampment? It doesn't make any difference where you go, I hope to go. This is my forty-fourth national encampment.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I would make a motion that we do accept that invitation. Everything seems to be secure, or will be, and why wait for further invitations? It is something the boys can decide. That will clean up everything, and then there is no hereafter.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief LANSING A. WILCOX. My wife and I attended the convention there when we had a cent-a-mile railroad fare, and a businessman and his wife entertained us with lodging and breakfast, and when I asked him at the close how much my bill was he says, "You don't owe me a cent."

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gay has made the motion that the invitation from Columbus, Ohio, be accepted. I would suggest, Comrade Gay, that you add to it, "provided they meet the requirements by March 1."

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I thought by what you said previously, although they hadn't put up the money, that it would come.

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER, of Michigan. I would second the motion.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander Gay wants to make that motion read "that we accept the invitation provided they have met the requirements of the contract by March 1." That has been made and seconded, and the commander wants to know how many are in favor. Say "aye." Those opposed? [None.] The commander declares that a vote. Columbus has been accepted. Will you tell the reporters that?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. There is a question there. In case that Columbus, Ohio, don't come up to the requirements and Illinois presents more money, why not go there—the one that offers the best inducement?

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Shumate, the national encampment is on record in favor of meeting as near the center of the country as possible, provided invitations are accepted. The motion just adopted is to the effect that we accept this invitation provided they meet the requirements by March 1.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. That is all right.

Secretary FLOOD. If they have not, why then Springfield can come in.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. That is all right.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, I received before I left Portland a letter from Adjutant General Martin touching on some affairs in the office, and then he said: "Give my love and my hearty greetings to my comrades in Des Moines. I am sorry that I cannot be with you, but my family say "No" and the doctor says "No." So I give you the greetings of your past Commander in Chief and Adjutant General Russell C. Martin.

When I came back from the fathers' and daughters' banquet Tuesday evening I found that I had a telephone call to call the telephone operator at Westfield, N. Y., and I knew that meant that Comrade Rownd was on the wire somewhere. I called him. He said that he hadn't entirely recovered from the illness, but he wanted me to give his love and his greetings and his hearty regrets at his inability to be with you. He wanted me to do that to his comrades and to the members of the other organizations.

We have had no word from Past Commander in Chief Anderson. He has not been well since the night he was injured in Indianapolis on the way to the band concert at the fair grounds. He has not been out of his room now for several weeks, and the possibilities are that he will never leave his room. I know that if he were well enough he would have sent you his greetings.

Those three past commanders in chief have been strong, working members of your organization and I think it would be well to send them greetings, by wire if the Western Union will accept it, and if not, by air mail. What is your pleasure?

Comrade HIRAM R. GALE, of Washington and Alaska. I move that such a message be sent. [Motion seconded.]

Secretary FLOOD. It is moved by Comrade Gale and seconded by several that a wire be sent to the three absent past commanders in chief—Comrade Martin, Comrade Anderson, and Comrade Rownd—

if telegrams can be sent, and if not, air-mail letters of greeting and regret at their absence, and best wishes for their recovery. All those in favor? Those opposed? [None.] The Commander in Chief declares it a vote.

Now, we have a letter of greetings from the department commander of Oklahoma. With it he sends his nomination for the national council member from that department, and he says:

Our department sends greetings to the seventh-eighth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

SYLVESTER PATTERSON, *Department Commander.*

Now we have the report of the committee on the reports of other officers. [Reading:]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS

The committee on reports of other officers have considered the various reports submitted and commend the officers for their interest and zeal.

GEORGE A. GRAY.

THEO. A. PENLAND.

WM. H. OSBORN.

Now, comrades, you voted in the council of administration to submit some amendments to the rules and regulations. That recommendation from the council was submitted by the national encampment and the commander in chief directed to appoint a committee, which consisted of Comrades Gay, Penland, and Osborn.

The first thing necessary to do is to suspend the chapter in the rules and regulations providing for action without previous submission to the encampment. Chapter V, article XVI provides:

The Rules and Regulations * * * shall only be altered or amended by the national encampment, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual meeting thereof; provided, that such amendments have been approved and are presented by a department encampment, and notice thereof has been given by the adjutant general at least 30 days before the assembling of the national encampment. But any section herein may be suspended for the time being, at any annual meeting of the national encampment, by a unanimous vote.

In other words, you must suspend this paragraph in order to take necessary action here. Will some one make a motion to suspend article XVI of chapter V?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I will make that motion.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion is made by Comrade Shumate, and seconded by Comrade Gale, that chapter V, article XVI, covering alterations and amendments be suspended for this encampment. All those in favor? Opposed? The commander in chief declares it passed.

Chapter IV, article VI, section 9, paragraph 1, provides that the quorum of the national council of administration shall be 10 members. We were fortunate enough to get 12 this year. Whether we will get 12 next year or not remains to be seen. And the committee recommends that that be changed to read, "and any number present shall constitute a quorum."

Comrade HIRAM R. GALE, of Washington and Alaska. I think that very necessary. I move the approval of that.

Secretary FLOOD. Moved by Comrade Gale and seconded by Comrade Shumate that that change be made in chapter IV, article VI, section 9, paragraph 1, that the quorum of the national council of administration shall consist of the members present and voting. All those in favor? Those opposed? The commander in chief declares that amendment passed.

Now, there has been some controversy this year over chapter II, article I, section 2, which says that "No charter shall be surrendered by any post so long as one member desires continuance." The committee recommends that that section be eliminated. When that was adopted the Rules and Regulations provided that there should be five members to hold the charter, and they could vote the post out by a majority vote. Down in Baltimore, Md. there were five members in a post and they had some property or money. Three of them voted to give up the post, and that put the other two members out. And this paragraph was amended to read—it was not worded very explicitly. It should have provided that a majority of the post could not vote the charter out as long as the minority cared to keep it. But it seems wise now to eliminate that from the Rules and Regulations and let the post actually continue. The national body is the supreme law of the order and you have a right, if you want to, to take a charter today, to do it, and that has been questioned because of this paragraph. If you eliminate this paragraph then you have removed the objection.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. How would it be where there is two members, one of them wants to dispose of the post and the other don't?

Secretary FLOOD. Well, under this the one member could keep it.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. That is all right.

Secretary FLOOD. But the construction that has been put upon it by the people who are making this trouble was that even the national encampment could not take it as long as one man wanted it, which of course is not so. But if you eliminate that section you eliminate that contention. We have had legal advice on that. What is your recommendation?

Comrade GALE. Do I understand that what you are speaking of now, eliminating that, it will still leave them to carry on?

Secretary FLOOD. It still leaves them to carry on.

Comrade GALE. As long as there is one member?

Secretary FLOOD. Yes. You see your national encampment has voted that the organization will carry on as long as one man comes to an encampment, and that is also true of your post and your department.

Comrade GALE. We don't want to wind up our work as quitters. Stay to the very end.

Secretary FLOOD. That has been the vote of the national encampment. What is your pleasure on this recommendation?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I don't understand it. I don't catch the idea.

Secretary FLOOD. It says: "No charter shall be surrendered by any post as long as one member desires continuance."

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I make a motion to that effect.

Secretary FLOOD. That is the law now, Comrade Shumate. It was amended. He can keep it.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. Under the old law. We will just let it stand as it was.

Comrade LYMAN E. BUTTERFIELD, of New Hampshire. Or he could abandon it if he chose.

Secretary FLOOD. The contention was being made because it said if one man wanted to keep it, that the national encampment could not take it. That is not true. You could amend it by adding, "No charter shall be surrendered by any post as long as one member desires continuance," and then add "This does not deprive the national encampment of its right to demand a charter when it is deemed well for the good of the order." That might be a better amendment. You want to make it that the national encampment is not surrendering its rights to any one individual.

Comrade GALE. That is all right.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I recommend that the law that has been made consuming that charter remain as it is. I will tell you why. For this very reason. Not because I hold the charter of our post, but I revere that charter and I would dislike to eliminate that charter.

Secretary FLOOD. This does not eliminate it.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I understand you have not to give it up.

Secretary FLOOD. No. It is to preserve the rights of the national encampment to take it.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is different. Will you read that?

Secretary FLOOD. I will read the 1922 Rules and Regulations:

No charter shall be surrendered by any post so long as five members thereof demand its continuance; nor unless a proposition to surrender the charter shall have been made at a stated meeting at least 4 weeks before the time of action, and due notice given to every member of the post.

In 1937 that was amended to read:

No charter shall be surrendered by any post as long as one member desires continuance—and everything else was eliminated.

Now there should be added to that—

But this does not deprive the national encampment of its right to take a charter when deemed best for the interests of the order.

Comrade GALE. I move to that effect.

Secretary FLOOD. Moved by Comrade Gale, and seconded by Comrade Shumate, that that addition be made to the amendment of 1937, chapter II, article I, section 2. All those in favor of the motion to make that addition to chapter II, article I, section 2, to add the words:

But this does not deprive the national encampment of its right to take a charter when deemed for the best interests of the order.

All those in favor? Those opposed? The commander in chief declares that adopted.

Now comes the question of eliminating offices considered in the meeting of the council of administration. The surgeon general: That office was discontinued in 1937 in posts and departments but not in the national. The comrade holding it has not been present for 2 years. There are no duties. Then there comes the inspector general. There

are no duties for the inspector general any more, and whenever an inspector general is appointed once in a while he writes to the commander in chief and asks when he shall start out on his inspection. And the commander has to write and tell him he doesn't do any inspecting. We had one comrade write back and say, "Then why did you appoint me inspector general if I cannot do anything?"

Then there is the office of assistant adjutant-general in the national body, and the senior aide de camp. Those comrades do not get a vote by virtue of that office—only through a vote in their department. They are really not official voting members. Therefore it has been suggested that the offices of surgeon-general, inspector-general, assistant adjutant general in the national, and senior aide be eliminated.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I make a motion that we do eliminate those offices, as long as they are not needed.

Secretary FLOOD. A motion has been made by Comrade Gay and seconded by Comrade Gale that the rules and regulations be amended to provide for the elimination of the offices of surgeon general, inspector general, assistant adjutant general, and senior aide. Are there any remarks?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. Does that apply in a department?

Secretary FLOOD. This is the national body. This is only for the national encampment. It does not concern your departments. What is the pleasure of the encampment?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I make a motion to that effect. I think it is all right.

Secretary FLOOD. It has been moved and seconded. Those in favor? Those opposed? The commander in chief declares that adopted.

Now, comrades, there is something else that must be considered. Last May when the Department of Kansas was ready to hold its encampment it had no commander, no senior vice, no junior vice, and no assistant adjutant general. They had died within the month. Now that left the department secretary in a peculiar position and she wired from the department encampment asking for advice. I made a trip down to the hospital and I talked with the commander in chief, and I wired her that if one comrade attended he could elect all the officers; if none were present for her to recommend to the commander in chief the name of a comrade to be appointed acting department commander until such time as they could have an election by mail. There is no authority for such action, but the commander had to do something to help that department; and it would seem to me that a clause or a section should be added in the proper place in the rules and regulations authorizing the commander in chief, in case all officers of the department have died—authorizing him to make an appointment to act until the next department encampment.

Comrade HIBAM R. GALE, of Washington and Alaska. I will move that that be done.

Secretary FLOOD. Do you all understand what that covers? Do you understand, Comrade Sharp, what that was about? Can you hear me? The Department of Kansas had no officers when their encampment met. They had all died within the month. And the commander in chief, to help that encampment, had to authorize the secretary to send the name of a comrade to act as commander until such time as they could elect by mail.

Now we are going to have that situation more often, and it seems advisable to authorize the commander in chief, in case the commander, senior vice, junior vice, and assistant adjutant general die in the department in close proximity, that the commander in chief be authorized to name a department commander to carry on until the next department encampment. Otherwise your department is going to pass out.

Now the motion has been made by Comrade Gale and is seconded by Comrade Gay that a paragraph be inserted in the proper place in the Rules and Regulations providing for the appointment of a department commander by the commander in chief in case all department officers have died. All those in favor? Those opposed? (None) It is so voted.

Now, comrades, we have a situation in the Department of Minnesota. Those of you who were in the national encampment last year remember that a comrade in the Department of Minnesota had appealed from the decision of Commander in Chief Dumser to the national council. The law provides now that an appeal from the commander in chief shall go to the national encampment, but Commander in Chief Dumser waived that and allowed the comrade and other comrades from that department interested to come in to the national council of administration. After a lengthy discussion of the conditions there the comrade who had appealed of his own volition offered to forfeit the charter of his post and become a member-at-large in the Department of Minnesota, thus eliminating the cause of the friction.

The national council recommended to the national encampment that they accept the comrade's offer to forfeit the charter of the post. He was present and voting.

On the way into the encampment, Commander Dumser met him in the corridor and asked him if he was still of the opinion and he said he was. The encampment voted to make him a member-at-large. The department commander of Minnesota voted to accept him as a member-at-large. And we supposed the matter was settled.

But immediately after he returned home he began signing letters as the commander of Morgan Post. He even wrote one to the commander in chief and signed it as commander of the post which he had voluntarily forfeited.

Then they began lawsuits up there against the Department of Minnesota. They demanded the private correspondence between the national headquarters and the department headquarters, and conditions reached such a state that on the 16th of February Commander in Chief Jones suspended the comrade, Orrin S. Pierce, until such time as he kept his promise or appeared before this encampment to plead his case.

He is not here. The woman whom he had as secretary of his post, as you all know, has been around here this week. She brought to the headquarters what purported to be a power of attorney for her to come in here. That power of attorney was signed last May. It had no reference to this encampment, but we have had—Comrades, the greetings committee from the Woman's Relief Corps is here and we will suspend this matter until they come in and leave, and I don't think there is any business after that except our completion of the

encampment. So, Commander in Chief, the greetings committee from the Woman's Relief Corps are coming in. You remain seated. Bring them in.

Secretary FLOOD. We will continue while they are getting the names out there. We have been in consultation all this week with an attorney, the son of our former Judge Advocate General James W. Willett. Mr. James H. Willett has been here. He has gone over the papers from both parties and he has rendered the opinion that the law of the Grand Army of the Republic does not allow a substitute to come in and speak for a member.

He says that the rules and regulations provide that a secretary cannot even sign a report or a check, and therefore a secretary cannot come into a national encampment and speak for a member.

Yesterday afternoon he called Comrade Pierce on the telephone. His daughter answered and he asked her if he could speak to her father, and she said "No." He told her that he was representing the commander in chief and speaking for him and he wanted to know if her father was appearing here today to plead his case. She said he was not. He asked her why, and she said, "Well, he didn't have notice enough so he could get transportation on the railroad." He said, "That is not true." Well, we didn't get notice of our room." But he finally made her admit that she had known since last Thursday that there was a room in this hotel for her father. Then she said, "Well, he could not get on the Great Western." He said, "I know better. I am their attorney, and there are several trains a day, and if you had tried you could get here by tonight or tomorrow morning." Then he said, "Your father is not appearing?" She said, "No." She didn't say that anyone else was delegated to speak for him. So he has ruled that the lady cannot come in.

Comrade IRA STORMES, of Utah. She is a pest.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have the honor of introducing the president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Anna Anschutz, with her committee of greetings.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, the committee consists of the national president, Anna Anschutz, and Marie L. Basham, Emma W. Campbell, Catherine McBride Hoster, Beatrice J. Tyson, Lizetta Coady, Ida H. Baker, Elizabeth L. Kothe, Grace H. Hahn, and May L. Luchsinger—all past national presidents.

Commander in Chief JONES. We are glad to receive you, glad that you are with us, and welcome you to our meeting.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Commander in Chief Jones, your officers, comrades all, it is a grand privilege and pleasure to bring greetings of your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Again and again we come to you with our pledge of loyalty and love. We want you to know each individual member of this Woman's Relief Corps is ready to stand by you at all times. We want you to know that we are progressing; we are gaining in membership; in every part of our work we are advancing. That will let you know that we will continue to keep alive your memory.

Rest assured, comrades, we women are more than happy that you chose us many, many years ago to be your Auxiliary. Thank you again for permitting us to come before this grand body. To me it is like coming before royalty, because you are royal Grand Army

men. Our only wish is for your health and happiness. We want you to be with us many, many more years because we want to serve and love you. But we shall always keep your memory above all things that come into our lives. Good luck to each and good health is our wish to each one of you.

Commander in Chief, this is just a little personal gift. See if you can get all of your money into it. It is a good place to keep it.

And, Katharine, just a little personal token for all the nice things you did. You were so kind in every way to the heads of the allied organizations when we met here in Des Moines to make our convention arrangements. I think it was the first time we met without the Commander in chief. Katharine asked the heads of the allied organizations to come and gave each every consideration. She would not do a thing until she spoke with us. And, Katharine, we do appreciate everything you did.

Commander, the National Tribune has sent you a penned picture of your portrait. This is the picture that was in the National Tribune and they have sent it to you as a gift, and here is a note with it.

I am sorry I left my report over at the other meeting, but it will be here in a few minutes and I will present it then.

Secretary FLOOD. The Commander wants Comrade Gay to respond.

Past Comander in Chief GAY. Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, we are here in convention, as you know, and it is always an inspiration to have the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic come in here bringing your greetings. I know of our allied organizations' history. In traveling this country I have visited many of our allied organizations and they are all very loyal ladies, and I know that through all these years after you have been organized as our allies you have kept the faith. God bless you all. You will not have for long many members of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have all lived our allotted time of life, and the good book says that the allotted life of humanity is threescore years and ten, but if by reason that you have health and strength, after all all is vanity. This little brown button that we wear on our coats will very soon be eliminated. But you will be left, and I do believe that you will carry on. God bless you. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. The president's report has arrived.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ (reading):

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: To the officers and members of the seventy-eighth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I extend the greetings of the National Woman's Relief Corps.

It is with hearts full of love, that we, your Auxiliary, come to visit with you during your Encampment, to bring a résumé of another year of loyal service, service that is rendered willingly and lovingly, and is a privilege we prize.

We realize now more than ever, the hardships you endured during the Civil War, and we are grateful to the women of yesteryear, for the noble work they performed in ministering to the sick and wounded comrades during that conflict. Today we are again faced with the problems of a war and its responsibilities, but our members are equal to the task, and in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic are giving their services and financial aid to the men in the service of our country.

That the National Woman's Relief Corps is on the upward trend is a known fact, the summary of which I am privileged to give in the following report:

Number of departments-----	35
Number of provisional departments-----	2
Number of corps in departments-----	1, 570
Number of detached corps-----	18
Number of corps members-----	79, 213
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Cash expended for relief-----	\$25, 247. 09
Estimated value of relief other than money-----	245, 957. 88
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Total value of relief-----	271, 204. 97
To local Grand Army posts-----	1, 099. 56
Civil War veterans, their families, and Army Nurses-----	1, 540. 14
Spanish and World War Veterans-----	6, 383. 82
Soldiers' homes-----	1, 541. 25
Soldiers' widows' homes-----	1, 155. 44
Orphans' homes-----	456. 75
Americanization-----	6, 317. 92
Child welfare-----	2, 458. 17
Scholarships and schools in the South-----	4, 269. 08
War Work-----	41, 806. 33
The American Red Cross for blood plasma-----	80, 000. 00
Net gain in membership-----	726

We pledge again our allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic, the grandest army this country has ever known.

May God's richest blessing abide with each remaining comrade.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

ANNA ANSCHUTZ,
President, the National Woman's Relief Corps.

May I introduce to you at this time a few of those that we owe our existence to, this Woman's Relief Corps, the women who have made possible everything that we have accomplished, our past national presidents. Our oldest past national president in point of service is Marie L. Basham, of Des Moines, Iowa; Emma W. Campbell, past national president; Catherine McBride Hoster, past national president and present national secretary; Beatrice J. Tyson, past national president, of New York; Lizetta Coady, past national president, of Michigan.

Commander in Chief JONES. Give us a few words.

Mrs. COADY. We were asked not to. I want to express my pleasure at being able to come in here and greet you wonderful men.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Thank you.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Ida, say a few words.

Mrs. BAKER. To my dear comrades—

To us you're ever young and fair
As when you marched away,
The principles you fought for then
Are just as dear today.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Really, Mrs. Basham, you should say something to the comrades because you were appointed to respond to the greetings from the comrades, and since they could not come in, give your greeting now.

Mrs. BASHAM. I always obey my superior. Comrades, this visit to you is the inspirational thing to us that we love from year to year, not knowing that you will still be here. And we hope and pray that our

Divine Father will be kind to you and we urge you to be kind to yourselves that you may return to us from year to year. When we are left alone, which I hope will be many years yet, it will not be as it is now. But we pledge to you, every member of the Relief Corps, that when you are not here to give this inspiration to us we will carry on to the end and unto future generations your memory will live as far as it is possible for your Auxiliary to help make it live. Thank you, and may we meet you each one in Columbus next year.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, of Iowa, past national president.

Mrs. KOTHE. To us you always have been, and you are, and you always will be, the grandest army in all the world. [Applause.]

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Grace Houlette Hahn, past national president, from Florida.

Mrs. HAHN. Commander in chief, when I read in the Miami paper that you were coming if you had to bring two nurses with you, we in Miami prayed that that prayer of yours might be answered, and we praise God that you are able to say "Good morning and welcome" to us. God bless you and all of your veterans and my veterans.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. May L. Luchsinger.

Mrs. LUCHSINGER. Thank you, comrades, for your kind welcome.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Emma Campbell, will you say something?

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Commander in chief and these fine gentlemen up here on this platform and to the men in the audience, I am feeling proud this morning. The highlight of our convention is when we make our visit to the comrades and to your encampment.

You may think the Civil War is far, far in the past, but I am going to relate to you a little incident that came to me perhaps 6 months ago. A gentleman of the press by the name of Mr. Wilson, an editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, called me on the telephone one day and asked me where he could get some information on the Civil War, and he wanted both sides of the question, and one point in particular. And he said, "Mrs. Campbell, you may not know it, but all our military men, what we call our high command, are studying the tactics used in the Civil War, and the strategy." And he said, "I have been unable to find anything on this particular subject that I wish to learn about." He was preparing a paper for it, and was working for the military forces. And you will know from what I referred him to and the fact I have not heard from him since proves to me that he must have found an answer to his question.

Some of your comrades, perhaps, have visited Judge Ell Torrance, your past commander in chief, in Minneapolis. He owned a library of the Civil War which he had all bound in morocco—probably the finest in existence. Shortly after his death Mrs. Torrance gave this library to the Minneapolis Public Library, but much to my disgust the library would not keep it intact but had it classified and spread all over the library.

Anyway I explained to Mr. Wilson about this library, and, as I say, he looked it up, I know, and I have not heard from him since. So I know he must have found the answer to his problem.

How sorry I am that our headquarters were not available for that library, because no money could have purchased it. It was very fine. I thought you would be interested to know that what you did in the

Civil War is still being practiced in the present war as to strategy.

Thank you very much, comrades. I, too, wish you well and I hope we may greet each and every one of you in Columbus next year. Thank you.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Mrs. Hoster.

Mrs. HOSTER. Commander in Chief and all you comrades, I am glad to have an opportunity to say "Good Morning." When I come into an encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic I picture it as I have known it many, many years, and I see all those grand men who were here, including my father. And to me that is the picture that I shall always carry. And when I think of the Grand Army of the Republic I see all of you meeting just as you have been for years and years. It will never leave me. Those who were absent today will remain. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. May I tell this committee that they have been taking the commander out to the veterans' hospital every night, that they might watch over him carefully, afraid the strain of all the meetings and the exertion might cause him a little difficulty. He has behaved most beautifully. His attendant told me this morning that they had examined him and they find that he has the heart of a man of 75. There is not a thing the matter with him except the weakness following that major operation the 31st of May and the strain of the travel here and all of the meetings and the greetings of the people.

When he left the hospital this morning they tell me that all the doctors, all the nurses, all the attendants were at the door to bid him Godspeed, and most of them with tear-filled eyes; that he had a splendid reception and they started him back on his homeward journey with the feeling if he behaves himself between now and the end of the week he is going to get back into Maine and gain his strength back. They just want him to do more walking to increase the circulation, and I think they will take care of him down in Maine. But I thought you would like to know the finding of the doctors, that if he just doesn't get overtired we have nothing to worry about. He would rather sing to you, but I don't know whether he will or not.

Commander in Chief JONES. I am not very singable today. Still I am glad to be here and am glad for the report of the doctors that I am still in pretty good condition. I have enjoyed it very much. I have had a glorious time here. The people have been very fine, indeed, and the entertainment has been superb. I thank you all.

Secretary FLOOD. Beatrice, would you like to say something?

Miss TYSON. Commander in Chief and comrades, the day before I left for the convention I had a letter from Commander Rownd and he sent me a 1945 calendar so I would be sure to keep the dates with him next year. So you see the spirit he has, and I hope that each and every one of you will be able to go to Columbus. We all love you. You will always live in our hearts, and you are the best and the dearest organization that ever has or ever will exist.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Goodbye, Comrades.

(Mrs. Baker led in singing God Be With You Till We Meet Again, after which the committee retired.)

Secretary FLOOD. When the greetings committee arrived we had been discussing the opinion of Attorney Willett that no one could come into this encampment and represent a comrade.

I have here an appeal written September 5. After the commander had suspended Comrade Pierce, the lawyer whom the secretary had employed wrote a letter to the manager of the hospital in Togus asking him not to allow me to see Commander in Chief Jones without a witness because he didn't know what he was doing and he thought he had to sign anything I put in front of him. Colonel Stoddard, the manager, took the letter and wrote on the envelope, "Dr. Benson—Please give these papers to Commander Jones." So that was plenty of evidence that he considered Commander Jones knew what he was doing when he gave him that letter.

Then the attorney wrote to the President of the United States and asked him to send me a letter ordering me to write a letter for the commander in chief to sign, restoring Comrade Pierce to membership. Of course we know the President never saw it. His office sent it over to General Hines' office, and one of his assistants sent it over to the National American Legion committee, thinking perhaps they would send it to Minnesota and they might be of some help. They did send it to the department headquarters of Minnesota, and their reply back to the Washington committee was that they were not interfering, the Grand Army could take care of their own affairs, and they knew all about the activities of the people causing the trouble.

Then she prepared an appeal. All of these letters were written on the one typewriter and on the same typewriter that all the letters were written last year. She prepared an appeal from the decision of the commander in chief suspending the comrade, and she sent copies to members of the national council, and in some way or other she managed to find the names of relatives of these comrades and she sent them a letter with the appeal to be given to the council member. In each case she gave them the impression that the commander didn't know what he was doing, and she said that she was sure—in one letter she said that she was sure I would be able to make him understand what it was all about.

Well, he is perfectly capable of making me understand what it is all about. Then she wrote to one comrade and said that if he didn't sign this appeal they would prefer charges against the commander in chief, and of course he would not like that. So far as we know only two comrades signed that appeal. So they dropped that.

Now she is here demanding admission here, and the commander in chief has ruled she has no right in this encampment.

I have a letter here purporting to be signed by Comrade Pierce, dated at Minneapolis, September 5. [Reading.]

When you wrote me a letter purporting to suspend me from membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, that letter contained a sentence advising that I might appear at the 1944 national encampment and "plead my case." I cannot understand why I would need the permission of the commander in chief to plead a case which does not exist as no charges of any kind have ever been preferred against me. That was a deliberate personal act on your part and strictly contrary to GAR laws.

However, since you signed that letter I relied on your word as a comrade that you would see that arrangements were made for my comfort along with the other comrades, and I am certainly disappointed.

After receipt of that suspension letter my daughter wrote you that future mail must be addressed to her and that if not of a disturbing nature it would be given to me, since which time I have had no word at all though several letters have been sent you.

I would like to say that no letters were received—none whatever from him.

While my daughter was vacationing in California my secretary wrote the Des Moines Convention Bureau for hotel reservations for myself and escort, and was advised that the letter had been referred to Miss Flood and that we would hear from her. To date no word of any kind has been received from you, from Miss Flood, or from our department secretary, who has absented herself from her office for the past month or more. It is now too late for train reservations, and through no fault of mine I am not to be allowed to attend.

As I told you previously, I had reserved a room here. I notified the convention bureau a room was here for him and his escort, but not his secretary, as no room was available. So the convention bureau notified her to that effect and put her in another hotel. So they do know there was a room. The hotel notified him they had a room; and, as Mr. Willett told the daughter on the phone yesterday, she had a week to get down here, and he felt sure they could have come if they wanted to. However, this secretary told me Saturday morning—she said, “his daughter would not want me to tell it, but he is not able to come.” [Reading.]

I am an honorably discharged soldier of the Civil War; the corporal of the guard and the only living man who escorted Abraham Lincoln to his last resting place. I have never broken a rule of the order, and I am entitled to all the honors I have earned therein. I trust that you will be big enough to admit your mistake and advise me that I am a member in good standing and the commander of George Morgan Post, No. 4, of Minnesota.

Since through no fault of my own I am unable to be with you, I ask that you set aside the rules and allow my secretary to talk for me. She has reservations as a delegate to an allied order and will be there.

Mr. Willett went through the papers part of Tuesday and all day yesterday, into last evening. He asked me if I had done any other work during the year except handle that case. And here is his opinion to the commander in chief [reading]:

I have examined the numerous letters, records, and papers concerning the appeal of Orrin S. Pierce as to the surrender of the charter of Morgan Post, Department of Minnesota, and also concerning the suspension of the said Orrin S. Pierce from membership in the Grand Army of the Republic until the meeting of the national encampment in September 1944, and I find from the records that the seventy-seventh encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Milwaukee, Wis., in September 1943, at the meeting of the national council of administration on the 20th day of September 1943, that the said Orrin S. Pierce voluntarily and in good faith agreed to forfeit the Morgan Post charter and continue as a member at large of the department. This was in a meeting of the national council of administration, where evidence was taken as to the proceedings and duly reported.

And I may say that Mr. Elliott here was the reporter. [Continuing:]

The national council of administration report was read at the national encampment at its regular annual meeting on September 23, 1943, at which time the offer and agreement as to the forfeiture of the Morgan Post charter was duly approved and accepted. I find further from the record that when the vote was taken Orrin S. Pierce was in the encampment meeting and made no objection and that the forfeiture of the charter of the Morgan Post, on the motion as offered, was approved unanimously and duly adopted, and the said Orrin S. Pierce voted for the same. From further information that I have at hand, it has been reported that the said Orrin S. Pierce received a certificate of membership at large from the department and paid the department and national per capita tax, or dues, as a member at large and that the charter of said Morgan Post has been forfeited and surrendered in harmony with the record as made and has been

deposited in the county courthouse of Hennepin County, Minn., in the memorial room of the Department of Minnesota.

Since the 23d day of September 1943, at the meeting of the national council of administration and at said national encampment meeting, with at least 30 of the comrades present and having jurisdiction of the whole affair, it would be my opinion that Morgan Post ceased to longer exist and that the only other matters remaining to be done were the delivery of the books, records, papers, files, and property of said post to the proper officers of the Department of Minnesota for such disposition as the Department of Minnesota may determine.

I would like to say that we have here his receipts—the registry receipt signed by him for the certificate of membership at large the week after he returned from Milwaukee. We have the envelope in which he sent a \$1 bill and a dime to Comrade Perry, assistant adjutant general. The envelope is addressed in his own handwriting. It is very evident that the comrade wants to do the right thing if people would let him alone. [Reading:]

There appears to be some sort of appeal made to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic which does not appear to be made to the proper department, and there is no filing mark of when the same was served, if at all, on the proper officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, but as long as the matter has been deferred as to the suspension of Orrin S. Pierce until the meeting of the national encampment in September 1944, which is now being held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa—

Comrades, if there is no objection, we will suspend this meeting for a moment. The art teachers of the city of Des Moines schools have prepared something for you, and their representative is here now.

Bring her in, Mr. Skinner.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. I have the pleasure of presenting Mrs. Bernice V. Setzer, who is director of art in the schools of Des Moines. She is here to greet you and has something to say to you.

Mrs. SETZER. I would like to say that it is a great pleasure to come and be with you gentlemen this morning. It is also a great honor, because I feel as though I am a part of you. I had two grandfathers who served along with you gentlemen. When we heard that you were coming to Des Moines, the art teachers, who are a very live group of women here in Des Moines, decided that we would like to do something for you; and we could think of nothing nicer or of more interest for us to do and to give to you than to make with our own hands something that you could take back home with you. And so we have made folders—they are of leather; they are hand-bound. We had a great deal of pleasure in making them in thinking of honoring you today.

And then I had an idea that our famous cartoonist here in Des Moines, Mr. Jay N. Darling—"Ding" to us—would be very much pleased to draw a cartoon for us, which he has done. So for the art teachers—for this folder—and for you gentlemen Mr. Darling drew a very lovely cartoon.

In talking with Miss Flood I received the names of you gentlemen who were going to be present. She very kindly gave them to me, listed by States. So on the inside of this folder, which has your name on the outside, appear the names of those present. We have arranged this memento for you folks to take back home with you.

And so, Madam Chairman, it is with a great deal of pleasure, and again in humble honor, that I present this first folder to you, Commander in Chief, Mr. George H. Jones.

Secretary FLOOD. I am going to show you what is inside. That cartoon was drawn by "Ding." Here are the names of the members

attending the national encampment. The book has been made by hand by the teachers in the art department of the local schools. You get the first one.

Commander in Chief JONES. I am very happy to receive this memento on this occasion, and it will be treasured as long as there is anything treasured by me. It is very kind of you to present it to me. I shall appreciate it and keep it as long as I live and shall ever remember that this event has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life, to be here and to be entertained by the people of Iowa.

(Folders distributed to the remaining comrades.)

Mrs. SETZER. I would like to say again that this has been a great pleasure. I hope you all have a very pleasant trip back home. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. I think I can say for the comrades that this presentation is going to mean more to them than anything they have had, because when they go home they are going to have it with their name on it, and their appreciation will be much greater than it is even now. They appreciate everything you do for them and are grateful, but they feel too deeply just now to tell you what they think. But you will hear later.

Miss Prudence A. Nicholas has come with Mrs. Setzer from the superintendent's office. She has brought some large envelopes that you can put your booklets in before you go out. After the ladies have retired, Brother Skinner, perhaps you will see that the comrades get them. Wasn't that a nice thing to do for you, and aren't you going to clap them out? [Applause.]

I have known for 10 days that this was going to be done. We just kept it secret. It is from the school department. It is not from the pupils; it is from the art teachers themselves—their own contribution to you comrades.

(Mrs. Setzer and Miss Nicholas retire.)

Secretary FLOOD. Now we will try you again on this matter. I was reading the opinion of the attorney:

As long as the matter has been deferred as to the suspension of Orrin S. Pierce until the meeting of the national encampment in September 1944, which is now being held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, the matter may just as well come before this encampment on the suggestion, as made in the appeal. First, as stated in this opinion, Morgan Post ceased to exist after the meeting of September 23, 1943, and item 2 of the appeal, referring to chapter 2, article 1, section 2 of the Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, does not apply; and if the said Orrin S. Pierce was commander of the post at the time, the post being forfeited and the charter ordered surrendered, the commander of the post ceased to have any office, and there is nothing to be taken before a nonexistent post. Second, as for the suspension of the membership of Orrin S. Pierce, the same is only temporary, as the matter is to be brought before the meeting at this encampment now in session. It further appears from the proceedings and suspension that the said Orrin S. Pierce had the right at any time to withdraw his claim to being commander of Morgan Post and could have surrendered to the department headquarters the books, records, and property of the said post, and no doubt reinstatement would have been made to the said Orrin S. Pierce as to his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is now a matter for this national encampment and its national council to consider what it prefers to do as to the suspended member. It would appear from the papers and voluminous files and proceedings that the former aged member, Orrin S. Pierce, is being led on by some outside influence, but as long as the suspension is still in force by the act of the commander in chief, further action should be taken on this question.

The Grand Army of the Republic was organized under an act provided by Congress and duly incorporated under said act; and, as provided therein, the

supreme governing and controlling authority in such organization shall be the national encampment thereof, composed of representatives from the several department encampments and the qualifications for membership in said organization and the rights and privileges of the members thereof are fixed by the rules and regulations adopted by said national encampment. The posts and department encampments are subject and subordinate to the authority of the national encampment and its officers.

There is also presented for determination the authority of one Ina L. Peters to act under a presumed power of attorney for Orrin S. Pierce, or O. S. Pierce, and the same has no significance and is not entitled to consideration before this encampment or its national council, as there cannot be any substitute of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have been advised that Orrin S. Pierce has been given the privilege of appearing before the meeting of this national encampment and its proper officers and members and that provision was made for his appearance and care but find that he has not appeared.

However, under the circumstances, it is my recommendation that the question of the further suspension of Orrin S. Pierce be considered by the national encampment at this annual meeting, as the suspension of the member was only temporary and until this seventy-eighth national encampment meeting at which the matter should be finally disposed of.

Dated this 13th day of September A. D. 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. WILLETT.

Comrades, he talked with us in the office this morning, and his suggestion is that this encampment restore him to membership as a member at large if and when he surrenders the post property. That is his recommendation.

Comrade HIRAM R. GALE, of Washington and Alaska. The whole matter is hard for anyone to understand—a very complex matter; and if you and the commander think—whatever course you think best to take I think I myself—speaking for myself—I would approve that which you and the commander think is all right. You understand all the details; that it be done as you think best and that we approve what you think best.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gale, most of the comrades in this room were sitting in the national council last year, so they are acquainted with the trouble from the beginning, and I think they should express an opinion as to what should be done, since they have been aware of the entire affair and have been approached. They have had the commander in chief's view, and they have had all sorts of views from another State. So I think the commander would like to hear from the men who were present last year and heard the comrade voluntarily offer to give up on forfeit his charter.

Comrade Warner.

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER, of Michigan. I was present at the meeting last year and heard all the details and everything. I think I should be in favor of his being discontinued forever. I think he ought to be imprisoned today instead of being allowed to run loose.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Warner has expressed himself quite forcibly, having been in the meeting last year, and I don't think I will repeat what he said should be done to the comrade. I think you understood him. Do any of the comrades who were present last year wish to speak on this matter?

Do you want to talk, Comrade Quint?

Comrade LOUIS E. QUINT, of Minnesota. I am not able to. Let the others talk first.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Quint wants the rest of you to talk first. He has been a victim, in a way, of a good part of this trouble.

Comrade QUINT. I would like the opinions of all the comrades that would like to give their opinions.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gay, do you remember the comrade making the offer?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I do.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I do, too.

Secretary FLOOD. Do you remember it, Comrade Penland?

Comrade T. A. PENLAND, of Oregon. I do.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Warner?

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER, of Michigan. Yes.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Butterfield, do you remember the comrade voluntarily offering to?

Comrade LYMAN E. BUTTERFIELD, of New Hampshire. Yes.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Johnson? Comrade Le Valley, were you in the encampment? No; it was the council. You were not. Comrade Osborn was in the council. Do you remember the comrade offering to surrender his charter? Comrade Osborn, do you hear me?

Comrade WILLIAM H. OSBORN, of Missouri. Yes.

Secretary FLOOD. Do you remember the comrade offering to surrender his charter and become a member at large and remain a good comrade?

Comrade OSBORN. I do.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Sharp?

Comrade ISAAC W. SHARP, of Indiana. I do. I was sitting right by them.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Sisk, you were not in the council. Comrade Gudgel in the council meeting? Comrade Ferguson, I think, was in the council but not the encampment. He had been taken sick. Do you remember, Comrade Ferguson?

Comrade JOHN M. GUDGEL, of Iowa. No; I don't remember.

Secretary FLOOD. You were not there.

Comrade STORMES?

Comrade IRA STORMES, of Utah. I was not there.

Secretary FLOOD. You were not in the council?

Comrade STORMES. No.

Secretary FLOOD. Were you in the council meeting?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. Yes; I was.

Secretary FLOOD. Do you remember his offering to forfeit his charter?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I sure do.

Secretary FLOOD. I guess it is pretty unanimous that he did it, not just a record. Now Comrade Quint, if you have something to say.

Comrade QUINT. I want to say it over the phone. You asked me if I remembered Comrade Dumser, commander in chief, asking me if I would shake hands with him. I told him "No." And then just after he made those promises Comrade Dumser again asked me if I would shake hands. I said I would if he kept those promises.

Secretary FLOOD. That is part of the stenographer's record too. When Comrade Dumser, after Comrade Pierce, had stated that he would forfeit his charter and become a member at large and remain a good comrade for the rest of his life—those are the words in the

record—Commander in Chief Dumser asked Comrade Perry, Comrade Woolson, and Comrade Quint to shank hands with Comrade Pierce, Comrade Quint replied, "I will shake hands with him when he keeps his promise." So apparently Comrade Quint knew the gentleman.

Now what action is to be taken in the matter? The attorney recommends that he should be restored to membership at large. That settles any question of there being a post or his having any rights. That he shall be restored to membership at large if and when he surrenders the post books and property. The charter is in the courthouse in a frame with all the post charters. They tried to get it out but the custodian would not let them have it.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. The question is, Had he surrendered the charter?

Secretary FLOOD. The charter is in the courthouse in a frame with all the other post charters in one frame. They went there and tried to get it out.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I heard him say that he would surrender the charter and become a member at large. He didn't want to be out entirely, but he wanted to be a member at large. If he didn't do it, I would like to know it.

Secretary FLOOD. Now he has appealed and asked to be declared a member of Morgan Post. The attorney recommends that the easiest way to take care of that appeal is for this encampment to declare him restored to membership at large if and when he surrenders the post property.

Comrade QUINT. I don't think that is trying the case at all. I think that what he did, what he promised and hasn't done, he is a liar and everything else. I think he should be tried right here, and let us vote on it understandingly. I think he should be court-martialed. I think he should be fired out of the Grand Army entirely. He is not worthy. And I ask that too, and I will abide, boys, by your decision here today. But if he is restored to full membership in the Grand Army of the Republic as a member at large, all his sins are forgiven. I don't want to vote until after I get home and see the rest of my folks. Because if you ask him to stay with you—I am no striped back. I doubt if you take him that he will last long. But I will wait until I get home.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Quint, the purpose of the attorney's decision was to prevent more lawsuits, and this time against the national organization. He can appeal from nothing if he is restored as a member at large if and when he surrenders the property. I don't think he will surrender the property, and neither do the rest of the people who have read the papers.

Comrade QUINT. He has not surrendered it yet; has he?

Secretary FLOOD. No; and he is claiming it as commander of the post. But if this encampment distinctly states membership at large if and when he surrenders the property to the department, then it is up to him to clear his record by surrendering it. He hasn't got those books. The lady has them, and I don't believe they will be surrendered. And he will not become a member at large until—he cannot be restored until that property is turned back. She says they will never be turned back.

Comrade QUINT. We cannot help that. I have no use for traitors. In 1865 our battery was at the front. Some of our men deserted in

the wilderness and went over to the Johnnies and fought with them and against us. Some were caught and convicted and I saw six of them hung on the plains of Virginia in '65 in the winter. I consider Orrin S. Pierce just as guilty as those fellows that deserted and went over and fought against us and came back as deserters. But we cannot hang him; don't expect to. But I don't want to belong to an organization that restores to membership a member of that kind. That is asking too much of us.

Secretary FLOOD. In connection with the recommendation of the attorney, the attorney was in consultation with representatives of the Department of Minnesota. They asked if the department commander could surrender the charter of the department and the members become members at large. The rules and regulations were searched carefully and we found that the department commander could not surrender it; it would have to be in a department encampment. You can't even call a special encampment to consider such a purpose. However, he did rule that if the individual members of the department applied for transfer to membership at large in the national encampment, that would automatically wipe out the Department of Minnesota and there would be nothing for that man to hinge his claim on. Now did Mrs. Jewell make that clear to you, Comrade Quint?

Comrade QUINT. Yes; she told me a part of it. But if that is done do you consider this a fair trial of a prisoner?

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Quint, it is not always what you consider a fair trial. It is what you consider for the best interests of all concerned and for the conservation of money. I am sure I don't want to be sued, as your department secretary has. Your incoming commander in chief doesn't want to be sued, and unless we do something at this encampment we are both going to be sued.

Comrade QUINT. That is the way I understand it. You tossed it up to George for the past 3 years and let it pass over to the other fellow, and I asked Comrade Dumser last year previous to the trial and he compromised with Pierce. I asked him to please clean house and finish it up; stop the trouble in Minnesota. That was not done because Pierce repudiated his promise. Isn't that so?

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Pierce on the 7th of January wrote Commander in Chief Jones that he never had promised such a thing. On the 13th of January he sent an affidavit: "I hereby rescind any promises made in the national council of administration." The commander in chief notified him that an agreement between one man and 35 others could not be repudiated by the one party; the others must agree. And the attorney has found the same decision.

Comrade QUINT. Yes; that is right.

Secretary FLOOD. Then he comes back and says he has got a right to change his mind.

Comrade QUINT. That does not change his promise that he made in Milwaukee.

Secretary FLOOD. No; but the attorney so rules.

Comrade QUINT. That is right. That is my opinion, too. Now I want that man Pierce to stand on his own ground. Did he tell you the truth in Milwaukee? If he did and promised such things; was that the truth? He does not stand on clean ground today, and he asks you to reinstate him here.

Secretary FLOOD. He does not ask to be reinstated here. He asks to get his charter back and be retained as its commander.

Comrade QUINT. Yes; but he has been in court in Hennepin County, and he says "my secretary." The court says, "I don't care anything about your secretary. I want to know. You signed this complaint."

Secretary FLOOD. He has never appeared.

Comrade QUINT. No. He repudiates everything. I am one of the victims of those writings and things that he has signed, sealed, and delivered to you a year ago, and I know that they are facts—that is, that secretary of his, Peters, she tried to play a trick on me yesterday afternoon or the day before. You know as we were standing around waiting for the car to take us somewhere, men and women both together came along and shook hands with us, and so on. I am pretty good looking so they come along to shake hands with me. One of them come along—I guess it was day before yesterday afternoon—and held out her hands. Of course I took it and shook hands with her. She says, "Comrade Quint, we are going to be good friends hereafter." I looked down at her and said, "Who are you—Mrs. Peters?" She says, "Yes." I says, "No, I won't have"—I put an adjective in—"I won't have a thing to do with you. I don't want you to go and tell lies about me either." That is the trick she tried to play on me, and that is the kind of stuff she has been pushing up for the last 3 years all over the State to this one, and that one, and the other fellow. I says, "I told you a year ago in regard to my standing in the Masonic lodge and lied about that," and this man Pierce has signed every sort of a letter that she wanted to put in the courts or anywhere else, do you think I want him for to belong to my organization. I guess not.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, I would like you to know that she went so far as to say the commander in chief didn't know what he was doing. She told the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Minnesota encampment that he didn't know what he was doing, and that I signed all his letters. I have never signed a letter with the name of the commander in chief in my life, for any commander in chief. When his name appeared on it he had signed it or he had instructed me to sign it and my initials appeared below.

Now it must be settled at this encampment. We cannot go for another year. It is the one work; it is the greatest part of my work this year. There is a file of letters that high. There is just as high a pile last year. And I just don't want to face it another year. The department secretary of Minnesota says that she is not going to carry on and meet it. She has had 14 lawsuits brought against her.

Comrade QUINT. Yes; that is right. Mrs. Jewell was my secretary and she and I virtually have been the department officers since my term of service expired, Mrs. Jewell has. That woman Peters has told everything about Mrs. Jewell that she possibly could. She has been thrown out of the statehouse. She had a bill for \$160 for services during Pierce's administration as department commander. Up to the time of my administration that bill had not been considered anywhere, and she said this, that for the love of comradeship that she was going around all over the State to meet the comrades. And then afterward, after he was defeated, she made up that bill of over \$160.

She thought all she had to do was go down to the statehouse and get her money. When she got down there you could be certain sure that bill and she with it were thrown out. She has been in the district court of Hennepin County, and she has been thrown out three times—four times, and the other judge wouldn't have anything to do with it. The past 6 months I guess she has been down to Ramsey County, St. Paul, and she has been thrown out down there every time. That woman is Pierce's—well, whatever you may call it. Whatever she writes he signs. I don't want to belong to an organization that wants a woman of that kind. A year ago she wrote a letter to Milwaukee that he was the only man in the department that had his faculties. Now she says he don't know anything. Why that?

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, it is 12 o'clock. If you can remain for the settlement of this affair, your election and installation you will be through, and that should come within half an hour.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I would like to make a motion on this matter that we have been talking of. This is an affair that we can settle right here once and forever, and why entail upon our secretary all the business that is left to be done that is piling in when we can settle this matter here. Vote either against it or for it. Why prolong things? Now I make this motion that we put this matter to a vote. I want you—do you understand the motion?

Secretary FLOOD. What is the motion? On the recommendation?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. On the recommendation.

Secretary FLOOD. He is going to make a motion, and when he makes it I will repeat it for you.

Comrade T. A. PENLAND of Oregon. Before you make that motion could I tell a little of what that woman said to me?

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Penland, will you come to the microphone? He wants to state what this woman said to him.

Comrade PENLAND. On Sunday morning as I was going to the restaurant with my two granddaughters and my son, right out here on the corner she came to me and commenced to talk about what she wanted me to do in this case when it came up here before our comrades. As soon as she began to talk people began to gather around there. I said, "This is no place to talk of this. If you want to talk that you will have to do it in some other place." Well, we went to the restaurant and we came back and then she came to the hotel and said to me, "I want to tell you how you must vote," and she commenced to talk. And as soon as she commenced to talk I said: "This is no place for you to talk, and as I understand it you have no right to come in here and say one word to any of the comrades." She went away. That is all that was said.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Now I will talk to you again on that affair. My idea is, and I hope you accept it, because I think it is the thing that should be done. When that man completes his part of the obligation then his part of the obligation will be completed. But until such time, until he does perform that part of the obligation we will see what we will do about it. You understand what I say? Do you hear what I said?

Secretary FLOOD. What do you mean, that you are going to let him stay suspended until he turns back the property?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I do.

Secretary FLOOD. That should be by vote of this encampment.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Sure. That is what I mean. I don't know if they understood. He is obligated to do something or we won't do anything. Now you understand we are going to take a vote on that question and if you understand what it is all about you can say "Aye" and "No." Now I am going to ask you comrades, are you in favor of giving him that opportunity which belongs to him if he performs his part of his duty? If not, we will vote it down. Do you understand?

Secretary FLOOD. Do you mean that he shall be restored to membership when he performs his duty, or that he shall remain suspended until such time.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I don't believe in this suspension. If he won't perform his part of that obligation I don't think we want much to do with him. If he is not man enough to perform his obligation why should we bother? Because that shows that he is not honest, doesn't it? If he really refuses to do those things which are his duty to do, what do we want to do with him? But it is up to you.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, that matter was thoroughly discussed with the attorney, Mr. Willett. He didn't advise you dropping him, because it will mean a court suit to the highest courts in the land.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is right.

Secretary FLOOD. We have no money for that, and if we do not appear the courts will order him restored to membership. But Mr. Willett felt that if you voted to restore him to membership at large if and when he returned the property, he did not think you would ever get the property. The man hasn't got it, and she won't surrender it. So if you vote to restore him to membership at large if and when he restores the property, I don't think they have any grounds for further action. That is the attorney's opinion. He has spent this entire week on the law of the order and on the papers, and he advises that as the least expensive and the least troublesome.

Comrade WILLIAM H. OSBORN, of Missouri. Isn't that the motion that is now before the house?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Yes; it is.

Comrade OSBORN. I don't think there is a man in the house here fully understands the whole proposition, and I think it is time that you take a vote to settle the question.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Comrades, right here now we are drilling along rather slowly. I am going to ask if you understand what it is all about. If you will vote this I am going to put the motion in this way: When he performs that part of his duties which he should perform, then we will say no more to him. If not, we will drop the matter. Right? How is that, Miss Flood?

Secretary FLOOD. I think your motion has to be more explicit. The motion should read that he be restored to membership at large in the Department of Minnesota if and when he restores the property to the Department. Nobody feels that he is ever going to restore it.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is one part of his obligation, and that covers the whole question.

Secretary FLOOD. Then he is still suspended, with no rights, indefinitely.

Comrade WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, of Michigan. I don't understand him to be the custodian of the post property.

Secretary FLOOD. He has the only property.

Comrade FERGUSON. If he has surrendered the charter that charter goes back to the State department, and if the State department has the charter it should become the custodian of the property and the Commander has nothing to do with it.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Ferguson, may I explain that when the memorial hall was built into the new courthouse all of the charters of the six posts of that city were deposited in one room and hung in the memorial hall. He has never had possession of the charter because he could not get it out of that frame where the other five were. But he did order Mrs. Jewell, who was post secretary, when he asked her to resign that he might appoint this woman post secretary, he ordered her to turn the property over. She turned it over to him and he put it in the possession of the woman he appointed secretary. She says it will never be turned in. Therefore, how is he going to comply with your vote?

Comrade FERGUSON. How does he become custodian of that property?

Secretary FLOOD. He is the only member of the post.

Comrade QUINT. I would like to ask the comrades, there is other property missing besides the charter. The charter is in memorial hall. We know that. But there is some other stuff.

Secretary FLOOD. That is what I said; all of the books and property.

Comrade QUINT. Did he steal it, or she steal it, or anybody steal it when they have it in their possession?

Secretary FLOOD. If and when he restores that property he is restored to membership at large in the department, but nobody thinks that that property will ever be returned because she says it won't.

Comrade QUINT. She put "GAR" on her car, your Grand Army of the Republic, and the commander in chief—we appealed to him—ruled that no one should have those letters on the car after the parade was over, because those letters were put on the car to assist the comrades, and she said she would like to have anybody take them off.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion has not been seconded and you are having all this discussion.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. What was the motion?

Secretary FLOOD. The motion was that he be restored to membership at large in the department if and when he returned the post property. She has it and says she won't give it up. The motion has been made. Does anyone second it?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I will second it.

Comrade HIRAM R. GALE, of Washington and Alaska. I will second it so that we get a discussion legally.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gay has made the motion that he be restored to membership at large in the Department of Minnesota if and when he returns the post property to the department.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is the motion, comrades.

Comrade QUINT. As I understand that motion, that when he complies——

Secretary FLOOD. He will be restored to membership at large in the department.

Comrade QUINT. In the meantime what power are you going to give us to fight that woman of his that is bringing up all sorts of charges?

Secretary FLOOD. We will take that in another motion.

Comrade FERGUSON. I cannot see how that woman or who can be the custodian of that property after that charter has been surrendered. Then it becomes the property of the Department of Minnesota.

Secretary FLOOD. Yes; but he won't give it up. She won't give it up. And he still claims he is commander of the post. Now, action here will settle his status.

Comrade FERGUSON. Why do they not take it by force?

Secretary FLOOD. Nobody has any money in the Grand Army to go to law, Comrade Ferguson. You would have to hire a lawyer and go from one court up to the Supreme Court to get that away.

Comrade FERGUSON. Has the proper party ever demanded the property?

Secretary FLOOD. They have, yes; and he has been ordered by the commander in chief to return that property, and they have informed the commander in chief he had no authority to demand it or order it.

Now the motion is that he be restored to membership at large in the Department of Minnesota if and when he turns over the post property to the department.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. A question there I would like to have settled.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I want to say just a word. It is getting late. There is an easy way to do that. There is a way to get that property without costing a great deal of money. That property belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and it is supposed to be returned to the place where it belongs, isn't it? Very well. Just order the sheriff to go there and take that property.

Secretary FLOOD. Under the Minnesota law they have got to get orders from the court ordering the sheriff to get it. You would have to get a replevin suit, and that takes money.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Not very much.

Comrade QUINT. So far as that woman goes, she went to the county commissioners before Decoration Day and obtained there \$25 for that occasion. Who is going to pay that or get it back?

Secretary FLOOD. The motion has been made and seconded and is before the house.

Comrade OSBORN. Call for the vote.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I would like to know if he surrenders—if he don't surrender these goods, what about the charter?

Secretary FLOOD. The charter is in the courthouse and he can't get it. He has not tried to surrender that. He has forfeited that. But he won't surrender the post property, the books, or records.

Past commander in Chief GAY. Funny law you have got over there.

Secretary FLOOD. The question has been called for.

Comrade QUINT. His absence here today would prove him to be guilty of all that we members in Minnesota charge him with.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. If a man can't get the property that belongs to him, you must have funny laws over there, I can tell you that.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion has been made and seconded and is now ready for action. The vote has been called for. The motion is that Orrin S. Pierce be restored to membership at large in the Department of Minnesota if and when he surrenders the property of the post to the department headquarters. The vote has been called for.

Comrade QUINT. I believe him guilty of treason, treason to the Grand Army.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Don't let's stay here all day.

Secretary FLOOD. The commander in chief is asking the vote on the motion. All those in favor of that motion as made by Comrade Gay say "aye." Those opposed? (None.)

Commander in Chief JONES. It's a vote, unanimous that this motion be accepted.

Secretary FLOOD. And the proper papers will be sent out of here to him and to the department before we leave this city.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic is meeting in its national encampment for the fifth time in the city of Des Moines, Iowa; be it

Resolved That we express our thanks and appreciation to the officials of the State of Iowa and the city of Des Moines for their wonderful hospitality; to the military forces of the Nation and State; to all veterans organizations; to the members of civic and fraternal societies; to the Boy Scouts; to the clergymen, speakers and talent at our various public meetings; to the personnel of the hotels; to the staff of the coliseum and the Shrine Temple; to the radio stations and the press for the generous time and space allotted Encampment activities; to the art teachers of the Des Moines schools for their gifts; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States and to the Congress for allowing the Marine Band to attend and contribute to our entertainment, and we thank most sincerely Capt. William F. Santelmann and the members of the Marine Band for their generous proffer of music on all occasions; to Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, for his greetings, and to Mr. W. B. Nugent, manager of the veterans' facility in Des Moines and the personnel of the hospital for their attention to and interest in the comfort of our Comrades; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our deep gratitude to Gen. Guy El. Logan, chairman; Arthur H. Brayton, secretary of the Convention Bureau; and Miss Katherine Moody, assistant secretary, and to all their associates on the Committee for their splendid entertainment, and especially do we commend them for the consideration and respect shown all our comrades.

Now, comrades it is 25 minutes past 12. Do you want to stay 15 minutes and elect your officers and install them, or do you want to adjourn for lunch? Their feeling seems to be that you should stay and finish up, and the next order of business is nominations for commander in chief.

Commander in Chief JONES. Next is nominations for the next commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Secretary FLOOD. Nominations are in order for commander in chief.

Past Commander in chief GAY. Comrades, I am now going to make a motion that we vote for Comrade Sharp as our next commander in chief for the year 1944 and 5. [Seconded.] If there are no other nominations, please make your —

Comrade WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, of Michigan. I would nominate our Comrade Sharp, of Indiana. I cannot call his first name.

Secretary FLOOD. He has just been nominated.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I understood there was six men had their hats in the ring. I don't know.

Secretary FLOOD. Are there any other nominations for commander in chief?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. There being no further nominations —

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I declare the nominations closed and let that matter be closed right here now.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I move that the secretary cast the entire vote for this man for commander in chief.

Secretary FLOOD. If you want to make it easy you can make a motion to elect by acclamation.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. That will be all right, and I will second that. Somebody make that motion, I will second it. Elect by acclamation.

Comrade IRA STORMES, of Utah. I make the motion that we elect by acclamation.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. If you all agree to that let's do it the shortest way we can. We want to get out of here. We are getting hungry. All in favor of the man we just spoke about being commander in chief for the next year, this following year—I want to put it to a vote. All those in favor of Comrade Sharp being our next commander in chief for the year 1944–45 please say "Aye." Anyone opposed? I declare him elected as the next commander in chief.

Secretary FLOOD. Better let the commander do that.

Commander in Chief JONES. I now declare Comrade Sharp elected as our next commander in chief for the ensuing year, 1945.

Secretary FLOOD. Nominations for senior vice commander in chief. That nomination is customarily given to the entertaining department. Has Iowa determined on their candidate for senior vice? Has Iowa decided who they are going to nominate for senior vice commander in chief, Comdrade Gudgel?

Comrade DAVID SISK, of Iowa. I nominate Comrade John M. Gudgel, of Iowa, for senior vice commander in chief.

Secretary FLOOD. Any further nominations?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I make a motion that we elect by acclamation. [Seconded.]

Secretary FLOOD. The motion has been made and seconded that Comrade John M. Gudgel, of Shenandoah, Iowa, be elected senior vice commander in chief by acclamation.

Commander in Chief JONES. If that is your mind, please rise. All those in favor of John M. Gudgel being senior vice commander in chief say "aye." Those opposed to him? I hear none. I will declare him elected senior vice commander in chief.

Secretary FLOOD. Nominations are in order for junior vice commander in chief. You have a commander in chief from Indiana and the senior vice from Iowa. Another section of the country should have the junior.

Comrade WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, of Michigan. I nominate Comrade Gale.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gale, of Seattle, Wash., has been nominated for senior vice commander in chief. Are there any further nominations? Then a motion is in order.

Comrade FERGUSON. I move that he be elected by acclamation.

Commander in Chief JONES. H. R. Gale, of Seattle, has been nominated.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion before the house is to nominate by acclamation.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I second that.

Commander in Chief JONES. All in favor of H. R. Gale will please make it manifest by acclamation by saying "aye." It is a vote and I declare him elected.

Secretary FLOOD. Your next nomination will be for chaplain in chief. We do not have a minister in the organization. The present chaplain in chief was elected at Indianapolis because he has filled pulpits as the elder or deacon, or whatever they call it, in his church, at various times. He has supplied in the pulpit. Comrade Robert M. Rownd is your present chaplain in chief, the nearest to a minister that we have.

Comrade ISAAC W. SHARP, of Indiana. I nominate Comrade Rownd.

Comrade WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, of Michigan. I nominate Comrade Warner.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Sharp nominates Comrade Rownd for chaplain in chief, and Comrade Ferguson nominates Comrade Warner for chaplain in chief. Do you hear that, Comrade Warner?

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER, of Michigan. I do.

Secretary FLOOD. You have two nominations. You will have to vote, which means under the Grand Army law the call of the roll. Your nominations are Robert M. Rownd, of New York, and Martin J. Warner, of Michigan.

The roll of departments was then called by the secretary, with the following result :

Department	Rownd	Warner	Department	Rownd	Warner
Illinois-----		2	Oregon-----		1
Indiana-----	1		Utah-----	1	
Iowa-----		1	Washington and		
Massachusetts-----	1		Alaska-----		1
Michigan-----		3	Wisconsin-----		1
Minnesota-----		2			
Missouri-----		1	Total-----	4	12
New Hampshire---	1				

Secretary FLOOD. Sixteen votes cast; twelve for Comrade Warner and four for Comrade Rownd.

Commander in Chief JONES. I declare Comrade Warner elected.

Secretary FLOOD. That closes the election of officers. You have your council of administration. On Maine the nominee is George H. Jones. The nominations will stand that way. Where no nominations have been received the members will remain as they are. A motion is in order to elect the council of administration nominees as submitted. Will somebody make a motion?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I make the motion.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Shumate makes the motion that the council of administration be elected as the names were submitted by the departments. Is there a second? [Motion seconded.] All those in favor? Those opposed? [Carried.]

Commander in Chief JONES. I will declare the council of administration as reported elected.

Secretary FLOOD. There is one election for the trustees of the permanent fund. Comrade Nixon, who was a member, died, and the commander in chief appointed Comrade Dumser in his place to serve

until this encampment. Now either comrade Dumser must be re-elected or another member of the board of trustees elected. Nominations are in order. Please don't all speak at once.

Comrade ISAAC W. SHARP, of Indiana. I nominate Comrade Dumser.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Sharp nominates Comrade Dumser to complete the term. All those in favor? Those opposed?

Commander in Chief JONES. I declare Dumser elected.

Secretary FLOOD. A trustee of the permanent fund. Now, comrades, you have completed your business unless somebody has something to offer. If you have not, you are ready for your installation of officers. I think perhaps Comrade Sharp would like to consider his appointments before he announces them, unless he has decided. Do you want the senior past commander in chief present to install you?

Comrade SHARP. Yes.

(The following officers were then duly installed by Past Commander in Chief Gay:)

Commander in chief: Isaac W. Sharp, Warsaw, Ind.

Senior vice commander in chief: John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Junior vice commander in chief: Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Wash.

Chaplain in chief: Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Commander in Chief SHARP. I want to thank the comrades for the obligation you have put me under. I know it is not all play. I have been through all the offices but this one, and I am starting through it. I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I will endeavor to prove that you are not mistaken. I have been in the order for over 50 years.

Secretary FLOOD. Commander, you must determine when your national council meeting is to be held this afternoon because I have to notify the national presidents. It is now 10 minutes of 1. I would say you could hold your council meeting at 2:30 in this room. The members of the council will return to this room at 2 o'clock for your meeting to make your budget for next year.

Comrade Warner, who do you name for the national council from Michigan?

Comrade WARNER. Comrade Ferguson.

Secretary FLOOD. The members of the national council will meet in this room at 2 o'clock. That means the national officers and the department members will meet here at 2 o'clock to make your budget for next year. Wait a minute. You have not closed this encampment. What are you going to do about your secretary?

Past Commander in chief GAY. I make a motion that we keep in office Miss Flood. [Seconded by Comrade Gale.]

Commander in Chief SHARP. It is moved that Katharine Flood be reelected secretary for the coming year. I put the motion that Miss Flood be elected secretary for the coming year. All in favor say "aye." [Motion carried.]

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Wilcox wants to say something before you go.

Comrade LANSING A. WILCOX, of Wisconsin. Three men have been prominent for their labors and achievements. Their activities and achievements have been an inseparable part of the history of our country. Those three men are Columbus, Christopher Columbus,

George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. George Washington's birthday has been chosen as a national holiday. I think it is our duty as a Nation to make the birthday anniversary of Columbus and the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on the same level as George Washington. The only difference that I can see between the three, Washington was a man of wealth and Columbus and Lincoln were poor men. That is the only distinction that I can see in regard to the matter. They were all self-made men; they were Christian men; and they did the best they could under the circumstances in which they lived for the welfare of this Nation; and we owe them a debt of gratitude that should be paid.

We have got a right of petition just as long as we are an order, and it would be a very easy matter for us. Our influence wouldn't amount to very much, perhaps, but we have a right of petition to have those two men on the same level as George Washington.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Wilcox makes that as a motion. That means you would have to go to Congress and ask them to do it. At the present time we are doing our best to have them do something for the widows. We should not ask them for too much. You are really more interested in the widows than you are in that, aren't you?

Comrade WILCOX. No. I am not a widow.

Secretary FLOOD. You are more interested in having the widows get a pension than you are in this legislation, and we must not ask too much from Congress if we expect to get anything. The pension bill has passed the House and it is now in the Senate Committee on Pensions, and if they get all of this war bill stuff passed this next month we are going to work on that pension bill and try to get it through the Senate, that the widows may have some relief.

Comrade WILCOX. When I was in the city of Tacoma I gave \$500 for the widows.

Commander in Chief SHARP. What he is working for anyhow, he wants Congress to make a national holiday. I declare the meeting adjourned sine die (1 p. m.).

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND OF COMMITTEES



LANSING A. WILCOX
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

CADOTT, WIS., August 1, 1944.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I am happy to state that I have fulfilled to the best of my ability all of the duties incumbent upon the office of senior vice commander in chief. I have complied with all of the orders I have received from superior officers.

I have attended all veterans meetings to which I have been invited and have represented the Grand Army of the Republic to the best of my ability. I attended the Department Encampment of Wisconsin in June, at which time I was elected department commander.

Anticipating meeting my comrades at the national encampment in September, I am,

Yours in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

L. A. WILCOX,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

RIVERTON, ILL., *August 1, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: A combination of ill health and transportation difficulties kept me at home for some weeks after the Milwaukee encampment, but early in the new year I began to take my place in my dual capacity of junior vice commander in chief and commander of of the Illinois Department, appearing at a number of installations and public meetings.

On April 8 I was in Chicago to attend the annual banquet given by the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans Banquet Association to commemorate the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. April 15 I attended the services at Lincoln's Tomb with the Daughters of Union Veterans. May 20 I paid an official visit to Hobbs Ordnance Plant. May 28 I attended services at the Congregational Church; and on May 30 I visited Lincoln's Tomb in the morning and in the afternoon accompanied the American Legion to Camp Butler, near Springfield, Ill.

June 21-23 I was at the seventy-eighth encampment of the Department of Illinois at Bloomington, where I opened the convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, visited the conventions of the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the GAR, all on morning of the 21st and then devoted myself to the business of the Grand Army Encampment.

I was invited to be a member of the committee on August 1 to welcome Governor Dewey, of New York, on his visit to Springfield and on August 27 I will meet with the American Legion in Springfield at their convention.

It has been a pleasure to me to be a part of Commander in Chief Jones' administration and to do all I could as a citizen and as a comrade in upholding the principles for which we enlisted in our boyhood.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

HIRAM H. SHUMATE,

Junior Vice Commander in Chief.



HIRAM H. SHUMATE
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



THOMAS RIDENOUR
SURGEON GENERAL

REPORT OF SURGEON GENERAL

CRESTLINE, OHIO, *July 30, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: For the past several years there have been no duties for the surgeon general and therefore there is nothing to report from my office.

In my home city I have taken care of Memorial Day duties with a large attendance present. With the assistance of the Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the American Legion and their Auxiliary, 123 soldiers graves were decorated. They have never neglected the old boys and are willing to help in every way to add to our pleasure. We had very fine joint Memorial services and a special program with two ministers participating.

I am sorry not to be able to attend the national encampment, due to neuritis in my knees, which keeps me from traveling. I hope you will have a very pleasant encampment and may God bless you all is my prayer. I hope to meet my comrades some time. Please remember me to all of them.

I want to thank my comrades for the honor they have bestowed upon me.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

THOMAS RIDENOUR,
Surgeon General.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

RIPLEY, N. Y., *July 31, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE. I have the honor to present my report as chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year. As has been the case in the past few years, very few reports were received from department chaplains. This I suppose is due to the fact that our Auxiliary and allied organizations are carrying on most of the Memorial Day work.

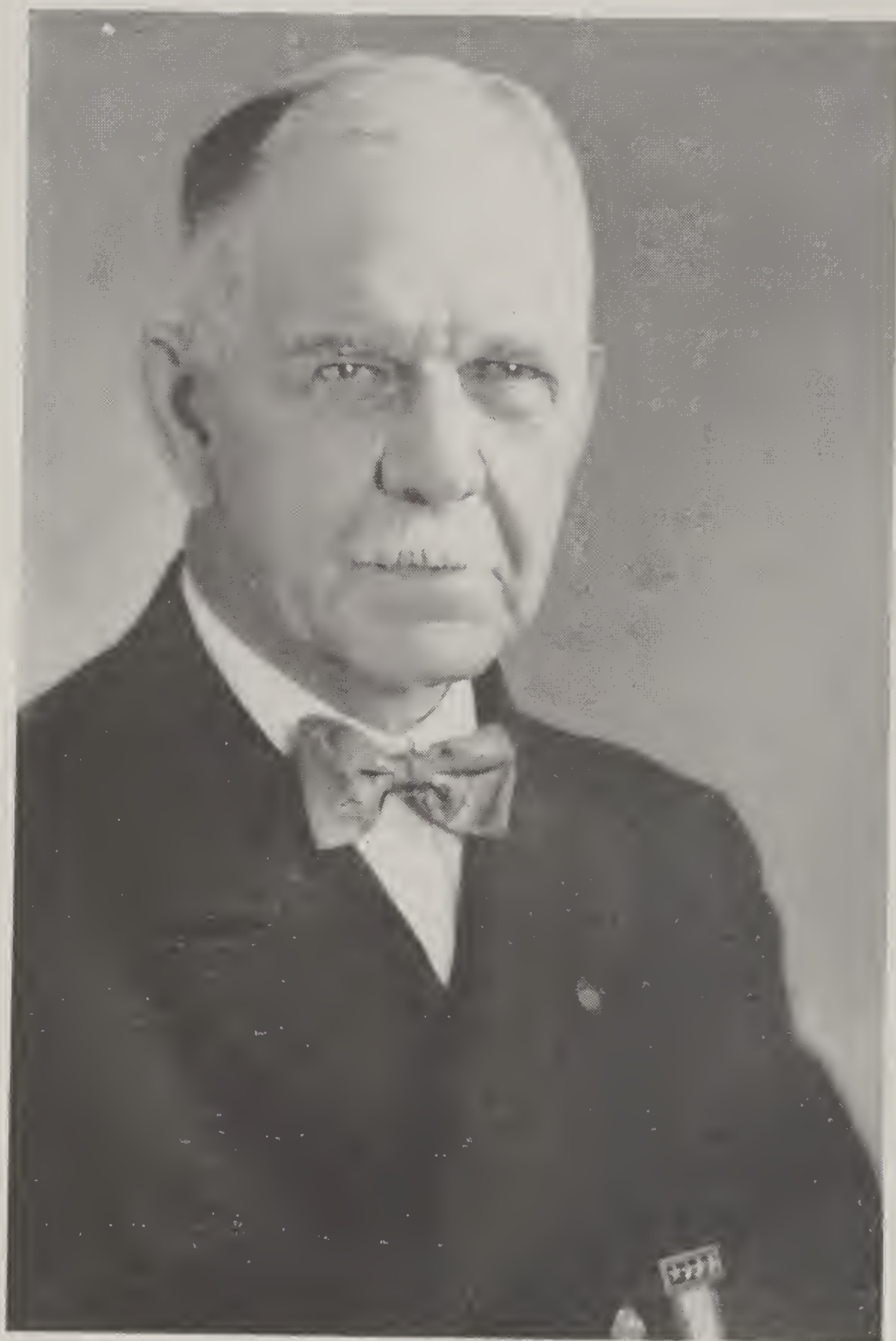
I have actively participated in memorial services as opportunity was presented and have written friendly letters to veterans in their illness and to the families of those who have been mustered out. I have manifested a friendly interest in expressions of sympathy and good will. I am in harmony with the Auxiliary and affiliated organizations which have been associated with the Grand Army of the Republic for so many years. The activities of these fine organizations have contributed much to the advancement of our moral and spiritual benefit.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

ROBERT M. ROWND,
Chaplain in Chief.



ROBERT M. ROWND
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF



RUSSELL C. MARTIN
ADJUTANT GENERAL

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *August 1, 1944.*

GEORGE H. JONES,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF. I am grateful to you for my appointment as adjutant general. It is indeed an honor to have a part, as an officer, or even as a member of our Grand Army of the Republic. I only regret that I cannot attend the national encampment at Des Moines, but it seems best for me not to undertake to make the long trip.

Following is a summary of gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 1943:

	Members	Posts
In good standing Dec. 31, 1943-----	393	197
Gains by muster, transfer, and reinstatement-----	6	-----
Total-----	399	197
Loss by death-----	146	-----
Loss by all other causes-----	4	-----
Total loss-----	150	73
In good standing Dec. 31, 1943-----	249	124

This shows the steady decline in membership and reminds us of the inevitable closing of our books in the not distant future. Ours has been an honorable record and may it remain so for the rest of our existence.

I find the name of the Grand Army of the Republic in our local papers very often, because of the activities of our Auxiliary and our allied orders. We may well be proud of them for they are doing a great work in helping in every way in all things pertaining to this war.

Another year has passed and I want to take this opportunity to thank Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, our national secretary, for caring for my work as adjutant general, not only for this year, but for every year that we have worked together. I pray that she may be spared to carry on for us until our books are closed.

My sincere and fraternal greetings to you and all my comrades assembled in the encampment.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic
showing gains and losses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1943

	Dec. 31, 1942		Dec. 31, 1943		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Mem- bers	Posts	Mem- bers	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Arkansas	1	1				1		1
California and Nevada	14	47	13	34		1		13
Colorado and Wyoming	3	8	3	7				1
Connecticut	4	5	2	2		2		3
Delaware	3	3	2	2		1		1
Florida	2	2	1	1		1		1
Idaho	1	3		1		1		2
Illinois	19	29	11	18		8		11
Indiana	11	12	8	10		3	1	3
Iowa	2	37	1	18		1		19
Kansas	7	8	4	5		3		3
Kentucky	1	5		3		1		2
Maine	11	16	6	9		5		7
Massachusetts	16	20	8	11		8		9
Michigan	11	39	6	21		5		18
Minnesota	9	14	5	10		4	1	5
Missouri	7	13	7	10				3
Nebraska	8	13	6	9		2		4
New Hampshire	3	4	3	3				1
New Jersey	3	6	1	3		2		3
New York	15	20	10	13		5	1	8
North Dakota	1	1				1		1
Ohio	21	25	9	18		12		7
Oklahoma	1	18	1	12				6
Oregon	1	2	1	2				
Pennsylvania	2	3	1	4		1	2	1
Rhode Island	2	3				2		3
Utah	1	1	1	1				
Washington and Alaska	8	14	8	10				4
West Virginia	1	1				1		1
Wisconsin	8	17	6	11		2	1	7
Members at large		3		1				2
Aggregate	197	393	124	249	0	73	6	150
Net loss								144

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,
RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.



WILLIAM H. FERGUSON
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

LANSING, MICH., *August 12, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I have truly appreciated the honor bestowed on me by Commander in Chief George H. Jones in his appointment of me as quartermaster general. I submit a report of the business transacted for the term ending August 10, 1944.

My secretary, Leah M. Simpson, has attended to the work of the office; has kept the books and sent out the report blanks and supplies and I am truly grateful to her for looking after this work so faithfully.

Last year we were obliged to borrow a small amount from the Southern Memorial Fund to meet the last checks drawn before the books were closed. This money has been returned to the Southern Memorial Fund and transfers have been made to the general fund from the permanent fund as directed by the commander in chief.

Again expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred on me, I am,

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM H. FERGUSON,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of Books, Aug. 12 to Sept. 17, 1943

Cash balance in all funds as reported to the Seventy-seventh National Encampment-----	\$428. 33
General fund-----	
Southern Memorial Fund-----	\$428. 33
Subsequent receipts:	
Woman's Relief Corps-----	1, 000. 00
Ladies of the GAR-----	1, 000. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans-----	1, 000. 00
Daughters of Union Veterans for Southern Memorial-----	250. 00
Sons of Union Veterans-----	250. 00
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans-----	500. 00
Supplies-----	9. 60
Per capita tax-----	1. 00
Transfer from permanent fund-----	1, 000. 00
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Total -----	<hr/> 5, 438. 93

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel -----	\$269. 85	
Expense -----	556. 40	
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		4, 612. 68
To be credited as follows:		
General fund-----	\$3, 867. 05	
Southern Memorial-----	745. 63	
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Total-----		4, 612. 68

Statement of disbursements, Aug. 12 to Sept. 17, 1943

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Expense
Aug. 25	49	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advanced travel, Oakland, Calif., to Milwaukee, Wis., for seventy-seventh encampment-----	\$250. 00	-----
31	50	Opal Hedge: Stenographic services-----	-----	\$45. 00
Sept. 2	51	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Expenses in connection with moving, postage, telegrams, packer, etc., and stenographer-----	-----	76. 32
17	52	Elliott-Underwood-Fisher Co., Milwaukee, Wis.: Incoming express charges on typewriters, typewriter ribbons, labor and delivery charges-----	-----	13. 83
22	53	Walter Mabie Print Co., Philadelphia, Pa.: 250 rolls (40 pages), 250 reports (40 pages)-----	-----	240. 00
	54	Laird's Stationery, Oakland, Calif.: Office supplies-----	-----	9. 16
	55	Stoll Printing Co., Oakland, Calif.: 8-page General Orders; mailing and postage-----	-----	38. 50
23	56	Lozier, Florist, Des Moines, Iowa: Wreath for funeral of Judge Advocate Noll-----	-----	10. 00
	57	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Headquarters expense in Milwaukee, Wis., telegrams, express, office supplies and hotel help-----	-----	50. 04
	58	Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wis.: Express on trunks and boxes; postage and telegrams, long-distance telephone to Springfield, Ill., W. R. C. dedication-----	-----	62. 86
	59	Eugene Owen, quartermaster general: Expense attending national encampment----- Office expense third and fourth quarters; express on books to Milwaukee and telegrams-----	19. 85 -----	----- 10. 69
		Total-----	269. 85	556. 40

ACCOUNT CURRENT

Cash received for term ending Sept. 17, 1943.

Balances in all funds as shown in Supplemental Report dated Sept. 17, 1943:

General fund	\$3,867.05	
Southern Memorial	745.63	
		<u>\$4,612.68</u>

Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies	1.94	
Per capita tax	249.00	
Refund from Southern Memorial	73.51	
Donation from Frank Quade, past senior vice commander in chief	2.00	
Transfer from permanent fund	2,500.00	
		<u>2,826.45</u>

Total		<u>7,439.13</u>
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CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending Aug. 10, 1944:

Travel	\$1,925.00	
Salaries	1,999.90	
Expense	1,804.53	
Southern Memorial	800.00	
Bank Charges	.15	
		<u>6,529.58</u>

Total in all funds Aug. 10, 1944		<u>909.55</u>
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To be credited as follows:

General fund	\$890.41	
Southern Memorial Fund	19.14	
		<u>909.55</u>

Statement of total receipts, sales of supplies, per capita tax, Southern Memorial fund, etc., for term ending Aug. 10, 1944

Departments	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern Memorial
California and Nevada	\$0. 59	\$34		
Colorado and Wyoming		7		
Connecticut		2		
Delaware		2		
Florida		1		
Idaho		1		
Illinois		18		
Indiana		10		
Iowa		18		
Kansas		5		
Kentucky		3		
Maine		9		
Massachusetts		11		
Michigan		21		
Minnesota	1. 35	10		
Missouri		10		
Nebraska		9		
New Jersey		3		
New York		13		
New Hampshire		3		
Ohio		18		
Oklahoma		12		
Oregon		2		
Pennsylvania		4		
Utah		1		
Washington and Alaska		10		
Wisconsin		11		
Members at large		1		
Refund from Southern Memorial appropriation				\$73. 51
Donation, Frank Quade, past senior vice commander in chief				2. 00
From permanent fund			\$2, 500	
Total	1. 94	249	2, 500	75. 51

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1944

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
1943 Sept. 27	1	George H. Jones, commander in chief: Advance traveling expense	\$200. 00			
	2	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary, Sept. 10-30, \$100, less withholding tax, \$13.06		\$86. 84		
		For extra expense			\$33. 33	
29	3	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Traveling expense, Milwaukee to Portland, Maine	100. 00			
		Office expense			6. 03	
	4	Collector of internal revenue: Withholding tax on salary of secretary, Sept. 10-30		13. 06		
Oct. 1	5	George H. Jones, commander in chief: Advance travel appropriation	100. 00			
	6	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for October, \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60; office expense, \$13.07		130. 40	13. 07 50. 00	
		For extra expense			78. 38	
30	7	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: For expenditures in connection with moving from Milwaukee, express on trunks, flag box, etc			3. 00	
	8	Underwood Elliott Fisher Co., New York: Packing typewriter for shipment to Augusta, Maine				
	9	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for November, \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60		130. 40		
Nov. 17		Office expense			10. 67	
		For extra expense			50. 00	
	10	The Augusta Express, Augusta, Maine: 2,000 envelopes (4 styles, 500 each) General Orders No. 1, 250 voucher checks, 100 letterheads imprinted, 500 gummed labels			39. 50	
Dec. 1	11	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., Augusta, Maine: Connecting telephone; service Oct. 27, to Nov. 15, with tax; long-distance phones and telegrams with tax			9. 54	
	12	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Editing Journal of National Encampment			100. 00	
	13	Gordon Elliott, Des Moines, Iowa: Reporting encampment, \$200; expenses, \$34.86			234. 86	

2	14	Maine Central R. R. Co., Augusta, Maine: Freight from Oakland, Calif., to Augusta, Maine, on office equipment, records, etc-----			91. 26	----
11	15	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for December, \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60----- Office expense and help in moving and unpacking crates; janitor, supplies, and telegrams----- For extra expense-----	130. 40			----
	16	Eugene Owen, quartermaster general: Salary for first quarter----- Office expense-----	25. 00		28. 70 50. 00	----
22	17	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for first quarter-----	25. 00		5. 00	----
	18	Grace N. Darling: Expense in connection with locating office for national headquarters-----			6. 20	----
1944 Jan. 6	19	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advance travel expense to Philadelphia and Washington-----	150. 00			----
10	20	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.: Service Nov. 15, to Dec. 15, with tax, \$5.50; telegram with tax, 69 cents-----			6. 19	----
	21	Augusta Press, Augusta, Maine: Letterheads imprinted for headquarters and quartermaster general; 13 lots for officers; 100 cards; postage and shipping-----			30. 60	----
17	21½	Lord's Flowers, Topeka, Kans.: Wreath for funeral of National Chief of Staff T. B. Williams, Chapman, Kans.; tax and express-----			10. 70	----
	22	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for January, \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60----- Office expense----- For extra expense-----	130. 40			----
26	23	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.: Service, Dec. 15 to Jan. 15, \$5.50, telegrams and tax, \$14.46-----			32. 95 50. 00	----
27	24	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advance travel expense, Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington, D. C.-----			19. 96	----
28	25	Collector of internal revenue, Boston, Mass.: Tax withheld from salary of national secretary, October, November, and December-----	58. 80			----
Feb. 14	26	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Office expense; 2 round trips to Togus; supplies, telegrams, and postage-----			31. 67	----
18	27	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for February, \$150 less withholding tax, \$19.60----- Office expense----- For extra expense-----	130. 40			----
					24. 70 50. 00	----

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1944—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
1944 Feb. 24	28	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.: Service Jan. 15 to Feb. 15, with tax, \$5.50; telegrams with tax, \$2.52			\$8.02	
24	29	J. M. Winters & Son, Quincy, Ill.: Premium on bond of Quartermaster General			12.50	
Mar. 15	30	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for March, \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60		\$130.40		
		Expense in connection with transfer of headquarters and office expense			33.85	
		For extra expense			50.00	
	31	Canceled				
	32	William H. Ferguson, quartermaster general: Salary for second quarter		25.00		
		Office expense			5.00	
20	33	M. A. Fraley, Augusta, Maine: Packing and crating office files			11.00	
	34	George H. Jones, commander in chief: Advance travel allowance	\$150			
28	34½	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.: Service Feb. 15 to Mar. 15, \$5.50 with tax; telegram, \$2.41; tax, 36 cents				
	35	Lord's Flowers, Topeka, Kans.: Wreath for funeral, Past Commander in Chief William W. Nixon, tax and express			8.27	
31	36	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: For expenditures in connection with moving office from Augusta to Portland, Maine			10.70	
Apr. 4	37	New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.: Final statement in Augusta; service Mar. 16 to Mar. 22, with tax, \$1.29; telegrams, with tax, \$13.33			56.06	
	38	Joe Wigon, Portland, Maine: Rental of typewriter desk and chair to Sept. 1, \$20; office supplies, \$2.38			14.62	
6	39	Collector of internal revenue, Boston, Mass.: Withholding tax on salary of National Secretary Flood for quarter ending Mar. 31, 1944			22.38	
		George H. Jones, commander in chief: Advance travel allowance	100	58.80		
12	40	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary:				
18	41	Salary for April, \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60		130.40		
		Office expense			17.09	
		For extra expense			50.00	

May	6	42	Underwood Elliott Fisher Co., N. Y.: Adjusting, cleaning, and ribbon, Portland, Maine-----	-----	-----	-----	7. 25	-----
	10	43	George H. Jones, commander in chief: Advance travel expense-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	12	44	Zola Miller Donahoe, Wilmington, Ill.: Appropriation for Memorial Day in national cemeteries in the South-----	-----	100	-----	-----	\$800
	18	45	Leah M. Simpson, department secretary, Michigan: Wreath for funeral of Quartermaster General Eugene Owen-----	-----	-----	-----	10. 00	-----
	19	46	Walt Mabie Print, Philadelphia, Pa.: 600 General Orders No. 3, 4 packages-----	-----	-----	-----	15. 00	-----
		47	The Augusta Press, Augusta, Maine: 1,000 General Orders No. 2, postage; 1,000 address labels-----	-----	-----	-----	40. 73	-----
		48	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary:-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
			Salary for May, \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60-----	-----	-----	130. 40	-----	-----
			Office expense and cartage on 16 boxes to Bosworth Hall for storage-----	-----	-----	-----	33. 35	-----
			For extra expense-----	-----	-----	-----	50. 00	-----
	24	49	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Advance travel expense to Des Moines-----	-----	225	-----	-----	-----
	27	50	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.: Service May 12 to May 20, with tax, \$1.47; installation, tolls, with tax, \$5.06-----	-----	-----	-----	6. 53	-----
June	10	51	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Office expense May 20 to June 5; typist, postage, telegrams and supplies-----	-----	-----	-----	39. 08	-----
	15	52	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary second and third quarters, voucher No. 31 for second quarter lost and canceled-----	-----	-----	50. 00	-----	-----
	17	53	William H. Ferguson, quartermaster general: Salary for third quarter-----	-----	-----	25. 00	-----	-----
		54	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary:-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
			Salary for June \$150, less withholding tax, \$19.60-----	-----	-----	130. 40	-----	-----
			For extra expense-----	-----	-----	-----	50. 00	-----
	20	55	The Augusta Press, Augusta, Maine: Imprinting 600 letterheads-----	-----	-----	-----	6. 25	-----
July	6	56	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.: Service May 20 to June 20, with tax, \$4.89; long-distance phones and telegrams with tax, \$8.42-----	-----	-----	-----	13. 31	-----
		57	Collector of internal revenue: Withholding tax on salary of National Secretary Flood for April, May, and June-----	-----	-----	58. 80	-----	-----
	7	58	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Travel expense to Des Moines, Iowa-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	18	59	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary:-----	-----	225	-----	-----	-----
			Salary for July \$150, less withholding tax \$19.60-----	-----	-----	130. 40	-----	-----
			Office expense-----	-----	-----	-----	21. 79	-----
			For extra expense-----	-----	-----	-----	50. 00	-----
	29	60	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.: Service June 20 to July 20, with tax, \$4.89; long distance calls and telegrams, with tax, \$14.52-----	-----	-----	-----	19. 41	-----

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1944—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expense	Southern Memorial
1944 Aug. 3	61	William H. Ferguson, quartermaster general: Salary for balance of term-----	-----	\$25. 00	-----	-----
		Postage, express and telegrams-----	-----	-----	\$10. 00	-----
	62	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for balance of term-----	-----	25. 00	-----	-----
	63	Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary: Salary for balance of term to Sept. 10, \$200, less withholding tax, \$26.14-----	-----	173. 86	-----	-----
		Typing and office expense-----	-----	-----	18. 37	-----
		For extra expense to end of term-----	-----	-----	66. 66	-----
	64	Collector of internal revenue: Tax withheld on salary of National Secretary Flood for July, August and Sept. 1 to 10-----	-----	45. 74	-----	-----
	65	George H. Jones, commander in chief: Balance of traveling appropriation-----	\$350	-----	-----	-----
		Bank charges-----	-----	-----	. 15	-----
		Total-----	1, 925	1, 999. 90	1, 804. 68	\$800

Inventory of supplies in Quartermaster General's office, Aug. 10, 1944

Supplies	On hand August 1943	Issued	On hand August 1944
Rules and regulations-----	463	-----	463
Amendments to rules and regulations-----	402	-----	402
Rituals-----	30	-----	30
Officers' cards:			
Senior vice commander-----	91	-----	91
Junior vice commander-----	47	-----	47
Chaplain-----	78	-----	78
Ode cards-----	139	-----	139
Service books-----	152	-----	152
Applications for membership-----	418	-----	418
Leave of absence-----	323	-----	323
Transfers: Certificates, 518; cards, 884-----	1, 402	-----	1, 402
Discharge cards-----	650	-----	650
Charters: Department, 114; post, 133-----	247	-----	37
Descriptive books-----	37	-----	37
Blue books: 1895, 2; 1896, 1; 1902, 5-----	8	-----	8
Comrade-at-large certificates-----	509	-----	509
Electrotypes-----	9	-----	9
Lapel buttons-----	701	1	700
Badges-----	344	-----	344
Rank straps-----	565	-----	565
Form C (report of assistant adjutant general)-----	698	56	642
Form I (requisition for supplies)-----	5	-----	5
Forms A and B (reports of adjutant and quarter- master)-----	440	-----	440
Report of post chaplain-----	124	5	119
Report of department chaplain-----	133	-----	133

REPORT OF THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH, CUSTODIAN FOR
THE PERMANENT FUND OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
FOR THE PERIOD AUG. 15, 1943, TO AUG. 15, 1944

Date		Disbursements	Receipts	Balance
	PRINCIPAL			
Aug. 15, 1943	\$3,000 par value city of New York, N. Y., 4½ percent corporate stock registered bonds due May 1, 1957, \$3,000 (sold Aug. 26, 1943)-----		\$3, 000. 00	
Aug. 26, 1943	Gain on sale of \$3,000 bonds-----		665. 00	
Aug. 15, 1943	\$1,000 par value city of New York, N. Y., 4½ percent corporate stock registered bonds due May 1, 1957 \$1,000 (sold Aug. 26, 1943)-----		1, 000. 00	
Aug. 26, 1943	Gain on sale of \$1,000 bonds-----		222. 00	
Aug. 15, 1943	Cash on hand-----		178. 46	
	Cash deposited from trust income-----		54. 15	
Aug. 31, 1943	Insurance and postage charges; bond exchange-----	\$0. 83		
Sept. 2, 1943	Check drawn to quartermaster general-----	1,000.00		
Oct. 8, 1943	Check drawn for bond of quartermaster general-----	12.50		
May 19, 1944	Check drawn to quartermaster general-----	1,500.00		
Aug. 9, 1944	Check drawn to quartermaster general-----	1,000.00		
		3,513.33	5, 119. 61	\$1, 606. 28
	INCOME			
Aug. 15, 1943	Cash on hand-----		00. 00	
			42. 75	
Aug. 26, 1943	Interest on bonds-----		14. 25	
	Checks drawn and deposited in checking account-----	54.15		
	Compensation of custodian-----	2.85		
	Total-----	57.00	57. 00	
	Balance-----			1, 606. 28

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depositary for the trustees of the permanent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the above annual statement to August 15, 1944, is correct and that the balance shown consists of \$1,606.28 in cash.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH,
A. D. ELIAS, *Assistant Treasurer.*

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SHENANDOAH, IOWA, *July 30, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE. As there have been no inspections in departments for some years there is very little for me to report. I have been ready and willing to assist in any way possible if the commander in chief had called on me.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief in his appointment of me to the office of inspector general.

Yours in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

JOHN M. GUDGEL,
Inspector General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., August 1, 1944.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE. My appointment as national patriotic instructor came as a great surprise and I confess it was a very happy one. It has done much for me during this past year to restore new life and interest in the great work of my dearly beloved Grand Army of the Republic. It has been one of my most happy years. Shortly after my appointment, our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, gave a reception in my honor, to which all patriotic organizations were invited.

I have always been exceedingly interested in visiting our schools and helping to instill into the minds of our children, our citizens of tomorrow, the principles of patriotism and love of country. This year gave me an added pleasure in performing this duty of love.

I find that my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are letting the more active work fall to our Auxiliary and allied orders—the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and what a tower of strength they have proven to be. We are indeed most thankful to them.

One of the greatest activities in Minnesota of the Woman's Relief Corps is in keeping the schools of Minnesota supplied with flags. Each year all city schools are contacted and their flag wants supplied. This year over 200 flags were presented to the city schools—a great patriotic work. These presentations are made through each patriotic instructor of the different corps at the school Memorial Day programs just before Memorial Day. These school programs are most elaborate and add greatly to the teachings of patriotism.

Memorial Sunday all Grand Army comrades able to attend were taken to church, where special patriotic services were in order. It is a great source of gratification and thankfulness to mention the Memorial Day services where the veterans' organizations of today continue to read General Logan's Order and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. May it always continue thus as the years come and go.

I was unanimously elected honorary chairman of the Minneapolis Memorial Day Association this past year. I attended the Memorial Day services at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery and gave a short talk. All patriotic organizations placed wreaths at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier (a replica of the Tomb at the Arlington National Cemetery). The Fort Snelling Military Band led the parade of the Colors of all the veterans' organizations in Twin Cities—a most spectacular and beautiful sight, long to be remembered by thousands



JOHN M. GUDGEL
INSPECTOR GENERAL



LOUIS E. QUINT
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

attending. The American Legion served a fine dinner at their beautiful clubrooms the night after this program, at which the members of the Grand Army were honored guests, after which Comrade Mack and myself were given special escort in the parade through the city to the auditorium, where a special program was given in honor of all veterans of all wars. All over our great United States I find that our Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day programs are being carried on by our allied orders and veterans of later wars.

I was again honor guest, with Comrade Henry Mack, at the annual Lincoln Day dinner sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary of Camp 8 of Minneapolis, honoring the memory of our great Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln.

We were both guests at the annual Appomattox Day dinner sponsored by the American Legion, Peterson Post, honoring the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the Nicollet Hotel, where several hundred guests attended. Again we were the honored guests at the Minnesota Flag Day program June 14, and at all of these gatherings I made short patriotic talks. From all patriotic organizations I have received every attention and courtesy.

This year has been a year wherein every home has been touched and every heart has had its share of anxiety, its aches and pains, its joys and sorrows, which I feel have brought us all closer to the Great Commander of us all, the great giver of all perfect gifts, our Lord and Savior—Jesus Christ. Through His teachings have we come to understand the true meaning of patriotism, without which we cannot long endure, for God, country and flag have gone hand in hand in every conflict and come out victorious and thus will World War II be won, and please, our Heavenly Father, may we have an everlasting peace henceforth.

Softly like a benediction,
 After clouds and thunderclaps,
 Like a balm for restless spirits,
 Will come the soothing call of "Taps."
 For, at last, when weary laden
 With the burden of the years,
 When the world has little worry
 For the soldier and his fears.
 When he rests at mute "Attention"
 On the last round of his laps,
 Softly, solemn, sad and tender
 Will come the farewell call of "Taps."

To Commander in Chief George H. Jones, I extend my sincere thanks for my appointment to this office, an honor to the Department of Minnesota, an honor to the State of Minnesota, and to myself. To you, Comrade Martin, and to Secretary Katharine Flood, I offer my thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies received from you.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

LOUIS E. QUINT,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

WALDBORO, MAINE, *August 1, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I wish to express to Commander in Chief George H. Jones my sincere appreciation for the honor bestowed upon me in appointing me assistant adjutant general. I have not been called upon to be of any special service during the year but have been ready at all times to respond to any call to assist in the duties of the adjutant general.

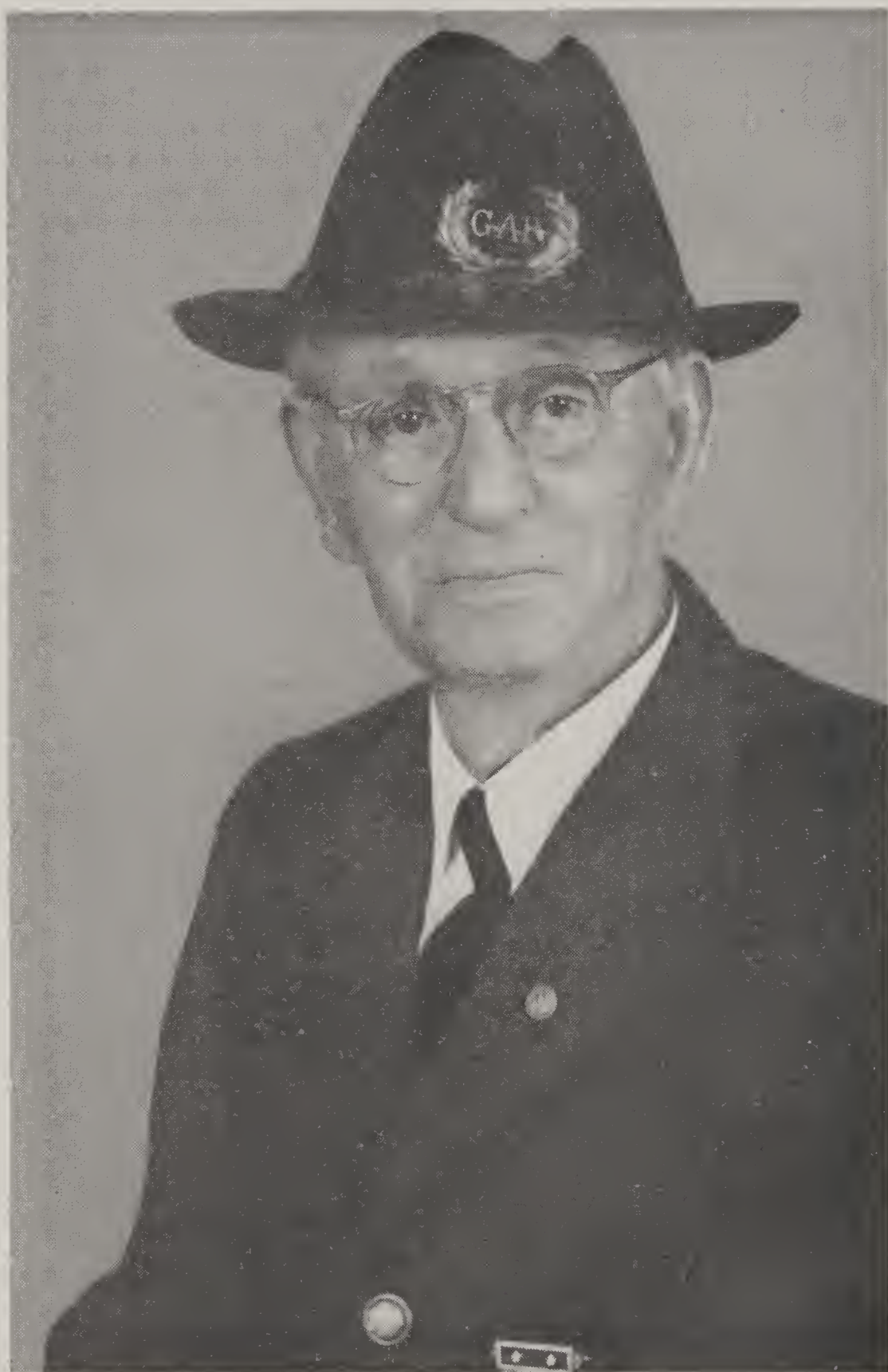
I regret that I shall not be able to attend the national encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, to meet and greet my beloved comrades in attendance there.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

JOHN W. PALMER,
Assistant Adjutant General.



JOHN W. PALMER
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL



GEORGE F. STUART
CHIEF OF STAFF

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF

FREEPORT, MAINE, *August 1, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I was greatly honored in June to be appointed chief of staff to fill the vacancy made by the death of Thomas B. Williams, whom Commander in Chief George H. Jones had originally appointed to the office.

Inasmuch as most of the duties of my office are confined to the week of the national encampment, I have little to report. Notices have been sent out and all correspondence attended to. I regret that it will be impossible for me to go to Des Moines, Iowa, in September to attend the national encampment and carry out the duties required of my office and help to honor our commander in chief from my own State, George H. Jones.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

GEORGE F. STUART,
Chief of Staff.

REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, *July 31, 1944.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I was very proud to be appointed upon the staff of our commander in chief. So far I have had no official duties to perform but have held myself in readiness if called upon.

I have attended the meetings of our Auxiliary and allied orders whenever possible and have been an honored guest at their parties. I attended the annual conventions of the United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion and was a guest at the annual breakfast of the Gold Star Mothers here in this city.

I am the only member of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State and have held the office of department commander for more than 8 years. I will hold the charter of the department and of my post as long as I live.

I thank the commander in chief for my appointment, one that I appreciate. I plan to attend the national encampment at Des Moines and will do whatever I can to help at that time.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

IRA STORMES,
Senior Aide-de-Camp.



IRA STORMES
SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD IN THE SOUTH BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1944

The executive committee of the national council of administration met, pursuant to call, at 12:10 p. m. on Monday, September 11, 1944, in the south ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines. The following members of the committee were present: Senior Vice Commander in Chief Lansing A. Wilcox, Quartermaster General William H. Ferguson, Past Commander in Chief George A. Gay, and Comrade Martin J. Warner.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. The meeting will be in order now. I regret to say the commander is sick and in the hospital, and as senior vice I am supposed to take his place. We are now ready for any business that is properly to come before the GAR. I am ignorant in regard to what is to be done.

Secretary KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD. Well, the executive committee meeting at the encampment is an informal affair where you discuss things that may come before the national encampment. Now one thing that the commander had talked with representatives and the adjutant general about was the proposition of lessening the number of officers. It is a very difficult thing to find somebody. You have no doctor any more for surgeon general. You did away with the office in the departments and posts, and Colonel Martin and Commander Jones thought it might be a good thing to eliminate the office of surgeon general. There will have to be an amendment to the rules and regulations in the encampment, but it is something to be thinking about to propose it to the encampment.

Now your assistant adjutant general on the national staff has never had any duties. Most of them have not done anything in the last few years. He has no duties. His office does not give him a vote unless he gets it some other way. It is an unofficial office, and so is the senior aide, and we are having trouble finding men to take those places. So that is something for you to consider, whether you want to recommend to the council that the rules be amended in the encampment. You don't even need the assistant adjutant general and the senior aide.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. It has become necessary, hasn't it?

Comrade FERGUSON. I don't understand what is being said.

Secretary FLOOD. We are talking about lessening the number of officers. In 1937 they eliminated the office of department medical director and post surgeon, but they did not eliminate the surgeon general. Now we have had a man holding the office for 2 years who is not able to come. He is a past senior vice commander in chief.

And we are having difficulty finding men that we know will come to the encampment and fill the offices. And the adjutant general and the commander in chief have been in correspondence about lessening the number of officers and eliminating the surgeon general, just as you eliminated it in the State and in the post. Do you understand me?

Comrade FERGUSON. I understand. Eliminate which?

Secretary FLOOD. The surgeon general. There is no doctor any more to fill the office, and he has no duties.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. Isn't it essential that there should be so many members in order to constitute a quorum?

Secretary FLOOD. There is no quorum for the executive committee. There is a quorum of 10 for the national council, and that also must be changed at this encampment because next year you may not have 10 members. You may have 10 members but not members of your council. In the executive committee the number present is the quorum, and that is what you have got to make it in the national encampment from now on.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. But you still maintain, of course, the commander in chief, and the senior and junior vice commanders?

Secretary FLOOD. You maintain your commander, senior, junior, chaplain in chief—we need somebody to pray for us—the adjutant general, the quartermaster general; and then it is up to you to decide whether you want to keep the inspector general and the patriotic instructor.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I would like to ask for information. Is it important to do that thing?

Secretary FLOOD. I think those two offices might be—at least the patriotic instructor—might be maintained because it sounds good in the organization to have a patriotic instructor. But you don't have any more inspections, so you don't need him, and the inspector general many times thinks he ought to inspect something.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. You are just keeping that office intact?

Secretary FLOOD. Yes, that is all.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. I think probably we should present that as a resolution.

Secretary FLOOD. Well, I think it should go to the national council as a recommendation from the executive committee. I am sorry the commander is not here.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. So am I.

Secretary FLOOD. We are very thankful that he is going to be out for the dinner and for the evening meeting. They are going to take him back to the hospital tonight, though, to see what the reaction will be, and they won't bring him back until tomorrow afternoon, and from that time on he can stay. I have a statement from the hospital that his mentality is all right.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. Is there any action that we can take?

Secretary FLOOD. Well, you can take some action as to whether you want to recommend this to the encampment or not.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Well, if it is necessary to do it.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. A motion to that effect should be presented.

Secretary FLOOD. That will bring it officially before the national council.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I make the motion.

Secretary FLOOD. I think that motion should be to consider amending the rules and regulations in such places as needed, and then a committee can get together and go through and decide what laws you wanted to change. That would include the quorum for your council. And between now and Thursday the commander can appoint a committee of men who know something about the rules and regulations. There may be things that you think should be considered that I have not spoken of. When you come to read the book you may find a lot of things. What do you think about it, Comrade Warner?

Comrade WARNER. I think it is well enough to drop all offices that are not needed.

Secretary FLOOD. We are not going to need them for our membership. There is no sense in appointing men who never come to a national encampment and who never go to a department encampment, and that is what you are getting down to. You don't want to take your past commanders and put them in those offices.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. The motion is that a committee be appointed by the commander in chief to consider the revision of the rules and regulations to meet present-day conditions in respect to the elimination of certain offices. [Motion seconded.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. All those in favor of that motion manifest it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it and the motion is carried.

Secretary FLOOD. While we are discussing this there is something else for you to be thinking about before the meeting this afternoon. Comrades, last year you remember in Milwaukee they talked about doing something to provide for the ending of the organization. We are not going to end this year, but here is a situation that came up this year. The Department of Kansas when its encampment met did not have a commander, senior, junior or assistant adjutant general. They had all died within a month. Three of them had died and the other one was in an asylum. The secretary didn't know what to do and she wired headquarters. I was going to Togus to see the commander that day and I talked with him and he instructed me to wire her if there was one comrade of the department present he could elect all the necessary officers; that that would be legal. If there was none, she should recommend a name to the commander to be appointed acting commander until such time as they could elect by ballot. She was a very sensible lady, Mrs. Wanner, and she called the presiding officer of every one of the organizations together and read that telegram, because she didn't want them saying she was running the department. You and I know that they say those things about us. So they fell right in with it. They said that was fine, and she talked with them about the comrades and suggested the name of a man that she thought should be appointed. So then by mail they ratified that. In the meantime she got in a new member-at-large, a man who had been out for years and she got him back. He is a retired minister and he is the assistant

adjutant general, and they have four officers. But that is going to happen more often. This year we can look for that to happen in four or five departments, and I think the rules should allow for the commander in chief in a case like that to appoint a commander. You are getting down to the point where you have got to have somebody. Mrs. Wanner could not for nearly 3 months draw a cent of money to pay a bill or draw her salary because there was not any way to get authority to sign a check or to approve its signature. If she didn't have a husband and a home it would have been financially pathetic. That is another thing that is to be considered.

And then I have a report to make as to what can be done with regard to when the time comes for the national dissolution.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Is there any rule concerning that?

Secretary FLOOD. It says that a post or a department may deposit in a public library or historical society the books and records and get a receipt. Now I talked with General Hines about it last winter as to what could be done with these things. They are here and there. Nobody cares much about them. He stated they should go in the National Archives Building in Washington, and they would be very glad to see that they went there. They would go in the Veterans' Administration part of the archives. And he sent me down to see Mr. Owens, who is the custodian, the assistant archivist. He is custodian of all the records from the Veterans' Bureau.

He took me through all of the records, and they have taken every pension record, every Civil War record, Spanish War, World War, and photographed them. They are in little films that big in jackets, every bit of the correspondence covering a case like that. They put them in front of a magnifying glass and they are that big. But the originals are still in the steel vaults. And he said they would be very glad and would feel proud to be made the custodian of the Grand Army records if they so desired. The Department of the Potomac records are going into the archives there and they would be very glad to take all of them, and frankly, in my opinion, that is the only place they will ever be preserved, because we know the Archives Building will continue. In fact, they are preparing a resolution to ask for money for a larger building than they have.

Comrade FERGUSON. Is that The Adjutant General's office?

Secretary FLOOD. No, no, the archives, in the National Archives. Every one of the old pension records back through the Revolutionary War is there. They have everything pertaining to every war. I guess The Adjutant General has the original record, but the copies are there in connection with the pensions. And that is something to think about, whether you want to do that sort of thing. But I should not be left, if I am still in headquarters, wondering what I am to do with those things, with this organization wanting them and that organization wanting them, and two more wanting them. I should not be the goat. There should be action of your encampment. There should be a definite understanding as to what is to be done.

Comrade WARNER. Yes. I am glad to know that, too, because I am the only one left of our post, and we have our few things that I didn't know——

Secretary FLOOD. Of course those go to your department. But when the department went out, then if the encampment voted these

things should be sent to Washington, that is all right. In Kansas the Historical Society, the State Historical Society supported by the State, has its rooms right next door to the Grand Army headquarters in the building dedicated to the Civil War veterans, so they get the original records as fast as they come in.

Comrade FERGUSON. How long are we supposed to have Grand Army conventions?

Secretary FLOOD. As long as one man attends.

Comrade FERGUSON. This business about the end of the Grand Army of the Republic, seems to me like it should be attended to before too many of us are gone.

Secretary FLOOD. That is what I say. You don't want to leave it, if there are only two or three men, for all of the other organizations to pester the life out of wanting what they have got.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. This seems to be somewhat along the same line as it is in regard to our State charters of our organizations.

Comrade FERGUSON. Probably more at this convention than there ever will be again.

Secretary FLOOD. No, there will never be more than this again.

Comrade FERGUSON. It seems to me that now is the time to act.

Secretary FLOOD. I think it should be done. I want it for my own sake. I want it for the sake of the Grand Army. Whatever is done I want it to be the action of the Grand Army. And here is something you have also got to think about when that committee is appointed. We are just as likely to have the commander and the senior and junior go out as a department from now on, with their age, and there should be something to provide for that.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I don't know why we can't do it.

Secretary FLOOD. The commander will appoint a committee of three, if the council approves, and that committee will have then until Thursday to go through it, and I will be glad to sit in with them and have everything typewritten so it can be read to the encampment. In 1937 when it was revised at Madison we had been ordered by the previous encampment with the understanding that Commander in Chief Ruhe should be the chairman, and he appointed the committee—Judge Willett, the judge advocate, Martin, Jewel, and Foster, and he wrote all of them early in the spring for suggestions from them as to what they thought should be done, and he wanted them in by a certain time, and then he put what he wanted, and three weeks before the national encampment every one of them got a typewritten copy of what they had all suggested. Then we met at 1 o'clock Saturday and we were in session until a quarter to 8 Saturday night. We took every paragraph in that constitution. It was read, it was discussed, and they decided whether that paragraph should be changed, and then they adopted a change or voted to let it stay. We went through the whole book like that, so there was no trying to put anything over. Everyone participated and they had their day in court to make their changes. Every change was read in the national encampment, as you remember, and acted on. Now you are not going to have all those changes this time, but there are some you should have.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Well, I think it is time, as far as possible.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. Is it time that we adjourned?

Secretary FLOOD. Yes, this committee may adjourn now if you have nothing else to consider. You will just have time to get your lunch and get back here.

There is another thing I want to speak of. There has been a Federation of Patriotic Societies. It was formed originally as a committee. It was not to be a city organization or State. It was composed of all the organizations allied with Grand Army, and they met at the national encampment, and all the orders belonged but the Grand Army. They would not join because they were not particularly approving of it, neither did they disapprove, and they allowed them to use the name "allied with the Grand Army of the Republic."

Then the thing began to grow and grow, and they tried to get in some department resolutions passed making them the organization to carry on the work of the Grand Army when the Grand Army was gone. In other words, they were just side-stepping all of our orders, and in 1935 they gave a resolution to Judge Willett as chairman of the resolutions committee and it was acted on in the resolutions committee and they would not pass it. They wanted to be made one of the allied orders, and the resolutions committee said, "Your component parts are members of the federated and we are not recognizing any other organizations." That went through and then they were ordered to take off that "allied" because they were not allied when they could not use the name and were not approved.

Now they had a pretty hot meeting, I understood, last night. Many of them wanted to disband it, many of them, and a committee was appointed. They came over this morning.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I had a tough time over there last night.

Secretary FLOOD. They came over this morning and they wanted to appear before the executive committee, or the council, or the national encampment, and be given the right to use that. I said to Al Lambert today, "You settled that when you took in an organization that is not allied with the Grand Army." "Well," he said, "they don't amount to much." I said, "But they are there."

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is part of the discussion last night.

Secretary FLOOD. They have the Dames of the Loyal Legion. The Loyal Legion was not a part of it and they were never an organization, connected with the Grand Army. In fact, they looked down on the Grand Army. They have got their Dames of the Loyal Legion, the Loyal Legion Auxiliary. They took them in 4 or 5 years ago. I said, "You have got to clean your skirts first. They are members." But it would be a terrible mistake, in my opinion. But they want to come before the meeting. There were three Sons of Veterans, and I said "Well, it looks to me like the Sons are the only people that are requesting it."

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I held to this point last night, and I had a tough time. I said, "Whatever law has been made by the Grand Army of the Republic stands today just as well as it ever did," and I said, "It looks to me as though there were so many demises in the Grand Army of the Republic that you want to dethrone us." I said,

"You are drawing lots of members from our organizations, all of them." I said, "You as the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic don't want to adhere to the law and the rule of the Grand Army of the Republic." I got mad.

Secretary FLOOD. I'll tell you what I think about this proposition now. I don't think they have any right to ask for a hearing before this committee until they have submitted it to their separate organizations.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is so.

Secretary FLOOD. They should ask their conventions whether they should come in here asking for that because, after all, they are only in that federation by their grace.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I claim they have no right to do it.

Secretary FLOOD. I am glad you feel that way. How do you feel about the federated? You don't have it in Michigan.

Comrade WARNER. No; we don't have them.

Secretary FLOOD. You do have one in Wisconsin, a federation of the patriotic orders.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. I don't know anything about it.

Secretary FLOOD. A lady who is very prominent up there told me today they were considering disbanding in Wisconsin, the federation were considering giving up up there.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. A motion to adjourn to be in order.

Secretary FLOOD. Yes; I think so, because you will just have time to get your lunch and get back here.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I guess I was rather impertinent, but I knew of the attitude of Lambert.

Secretary FLOOD. Yes; he is for it. He was evading this morning. He didn't want me to tell him anything at all about past history. I told him I was in it in the beginning. I thought it was a good thing. It was a committee, the presiding officer of each of our organizations and one delegate and all the past national presidents, and we invited the commanders in chief to come and sit in at the meeting. We discussed things for the good of the order. Then they began having more officers, a patriotic instructor and a chaplain. By and by they began to go out in the states and form it. From the states they went into the cities. When I went into California in the fall of '33 they were forming everywhere. A past national president of the Corps was doing it, and she was telling them that when the Grand Army was gone they would be the only organization to carry on its affairs, and I said "It will never happen. You can't legislate the Daughters of Veterans out of business." So we don't belong, and we won't belong.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. All of these matters can come up——

Secretary FLOOD. Oh, they will be coming up. I told them I felt the commander in chief should be approached on this before it was considered by any order.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I asked Lambert last night—now we were good friends—we met a great many times during my administration. We met on the way——

Secretary FLOOD. He was your commander.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. He was commander of the Sons the same year. I said, "Listen. You are a Son of a Union Veteran, aren't you?" I said, "It looks to me as though you want to annul the decision that the Grand Army has made." I said, "Do you call that loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic?" I said, "I absolutely believe that you really recognize your organization above the rule that the Grand Army has made." I said, "Why do you do this? You have turned from our allied organizations and you have let many of them in here."

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. A motion to adjourn is in order. Will you please make a motion to adjourn?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I just wanted to give you an outline of the whole thing there.

Secretary FLOOD. They seem to think that they should be given authority to represent all our orders.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. That is the idea.

Secretary FLOOD. In other words, they are dethroning the national presidents of all the orders. The tail is wagging the dog.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Here is the very point to this. He is a grandson.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. A motion to adjourn is in order.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Yes; all right. I am through.

Secretary FLOOD. You make a motion to adjourn?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Yes.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. The motion has been made that we adjourn this meeting until 1:30 this afternoon. All those in favor of the motion say "aye." (Carried.)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1944, IN THE SOUTH BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA

The National Council of Administration convened at 2 p. m., Monday, September 11, 1944, in the south ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, Senior Vice Commander in Chief Lansing A. Wilcox presiding.

In addition to the senior vice commander in chief the following members of the Council were present at the meeting:

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Hiram H. Shumate.

Quartermaster General William H. Ferguson.

National Patriotic Instructor Louis E. Quint.

Comrade Isaac W. Sharp, of Indiana.

Comrade George A. Gay, of Massachusetts.

Comrade Martin J. Warner, of Michigan.

Comrade William H. Osborn, of Missouri.

Comrade Lyman E. Butterfield, of New Hampshire.

Comrade Ira Stormes, of Utah.

Comrade Hiram R. Gale, of Washington and Alaska.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. The chaplain in chief is not here. Comrade Warner will offer the invocation.

Comrade WARNER. O Lord, we thank Thee again that we have been permitted to be here in Des Moines and at this meeting with our dear comrades. We thank Thee for health and strength and the many blessings. Guide us through life and in death save us. We ask it for Christ's sake.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. The secretary will call the roll.

Secretary FLOOD. The reporter has them all entered, so I don't have to. Two members of every organization were supposed to be here at this time. The committee are still auditing the books. We took Comrade Butterfield away from their committee and he will go back and finish, but I believe they were simply rechecking. You had finished your duty except for that, hadn't you?

Comrade BUTTERFIELD. Yes.

Secretary FLOOD. Do you want to report that you find the books in good order?

Comrade BUTTERFIELD. Yes, we find the books all right and straight and O. K.

Secretary FLOOD. I would like to say that Commander Nixon's daughter, who is cashier of the bank in Jewell, for 4 or 5 years has totaled the figures for the auditing committee, and she has been working with Comrade Butterfield. He was the only one here when it was

time for the committee to meet. So you know when we get the cashier of a bank checking figures they have to be pretty good.

We are supposed to have the national president and a past national president from each of the organizations here this afternoon. They will probably show up before we adjourn.

This morning the executive committee discussed various things that really should come before this body to be referred to the national encampment. As you all know, our members are getting fewer and we are having difficulty in some departments in transacting business. In fact we have two departments this year—one in particular—that didn't have a single department officer living when it was time for the encampment to meet; and the executive committee this morning considered that and various other things that need revision by this encampment, and if the reporter will read the motion that was passed.

(Whereupon the shorthand reporter read from his notes the following motion passed by the executive committee:)

That a committee be appointed by the commander in chief to consider the revision of the rules and regulations to meet present day conditions in respect to the elimination of certain offices.

Secretary FLOOD. There are several motions made this morning and out of it came this one. I think it covered a little more than that with respect to present day conditions, so it would cover not only officers but anything else that was needed for the final disposition of the organization.

When you get down to a department losing all of its presiding officers and its assistant adjutant general within 1 month we have got to remember that the same thing now may occur in the national encampment, and I should not be left wondering how I am going to handle things. There should be a rule made by you in your encampment covering anything that may happen. It is not a pleasant thing to consider, but all people, as a rule, make their wills and in a way your providing for the final outcome of your order is making your will. And this committee has recommended that a committee go through the rules and regulations and report to the national encampment what they feel should be done.

There are many things to be considered. You have records and you have books, and if this organization should go out suddenly in 1 year—it won't happen this year, but it may happen the next—you men who know what it is all about and are able to think clearly are the men who should legislate on that proposition. And so that will be one thing the committee will consider—what you will do with your books and your papers, where they shall be placed, and that will come in the recommendation of the committee.

There also was suggested by the adjutant general and the commander in chief, who had been in correspondence, and you all know Colonel Martin, the adjutant general, has been a very faithful attendant on national encampments for years—he knows the rules and regulations and he knows just what may happen if you don't do something about it. We eliminated in 1937 when the rules were revised, the encampment eliminated the post surgeons and the department medical directors, but you left the surgeon general. That office has been held for 2 years by a comrade who is not able to come and never will be. He is a past department commander, a past senior vice com-

mander in chief. And in talking the matter over with some of the members it would seem that that office now in the national might be eliminated. It is getting to be a very difficult matter to get men to hold these offices who come to the national encampments and we can feel sure will be living and will be there next year.

We have an assistant adjutant general who does not get a vote, although he has the office. It is an unofficial office. He does not get a vote unless he gets it in some other way, as commander, for instance, or as council member from his State. And we have an assistant adjutant general who never comes, much less does anything, and it would seem as though that office might also be eliminated. And the inspector. Now that is something for this committee to consider and to bring in their report to the encampment, if you so authorize the appointment of such a committee. Why don't some of you comrades express your opinion about this? Ask them.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. The subjects are open for discussion, and every comrade connected with the Grand Army of the Republic should take an interest in all of these things, so that you can express your opinion about them. Sometimes we neglect to do our duty in this respect and after the convention is over with we begin to find fault about it. That is entirely wrong. It is unpatriotic. We should at this session—I regret that there is not a better representation here this afternoon. Is there 20 members present?

Secretary FLOOD. You don't have to have that many. Ten is the quorum. And that is one thing that you will have to take care of. We may not have 10 members present next year and that quorum number will have to be changed and should really stand like the executive committee—those present of the committee constitute a quorum, and I believe that is what you will have to do with your national council of administration. The national encampment has no required number necessary. The council is the only one that requires 10 members. We have more than that today. Whether we get 10 next year is a question, and if we did not then we would just simply be stopped. So that is one thing to be considered in the revision. The commander would like to have you express your opinion on these matters.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I might express myself. The title of inspector, any matter or any office that has no practicality and is not a real benefit to the organization, I say eliminate it.

Secretary FLOOD. Did you comrades hear what Comrade Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE said? He said any office which does not have any duties and is not carried out should be eliminated. The inspector, of course, we have no inspections and therefore that office or any other office of its type should be eliminated.

Comrade GALE. Would it be proper to make a motion that they be eliminated right at the present time, make the motion?

Secretary FLOOD. No, I think that should come—it has to be an amendment of the rules and regulations. It had better come on the report of the committee. But so far you haven't had a motion the first thing. All of this discussion is out of order on that. Nobody has made a motion that such a committee be appointed or the recommendation of the executive committee be accepted. Then we can have some discussion after you have a motion. Do you make a motion that the recommendation of the executive committee be accepted by the council?

Comrade GAY. Yes.

(Seconded by Comrade Gale.)

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gay makes the motion and Comrade Gale seconds it; also Comrade Shumate; that the recommendation of the executive committee be accepted—that is, that the commander in chief appoint a committee to revise.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. There is a motion made and seconded that the recommendation of the executive committee be accepted. Those in favor of that motion make it manifest by holding up their hands. Contrary, “no.” The motion is carried unanimously.

Secretary FLOOD. Let me tell Comrade Quint what happened. He could not hear. The motion was made by Comrade Gay that the recommendation of the executive committee—that was that the commander in chief appoint a committee to revise and report to the encampment—that that recommendation be accepted by the council, and that passed unless you have some objection to offer. You don’t have any objection to it?

Comrade QUINT. No.

Secretary FLOOD. Has any other comrade anything to come before this meeting? Our national presidents have not come. (2:33 p. m.) We cannot call on them to express their opinions. I imagine they are tied up in their own conventions. But does anybody here have anything more that he wants to consider? Has any comrade anything more to offer at this meeting? That report of the committee will be ready at the first session of the encampment. Do you have something, Comrade Gay; any suggestions or any business that should be acted on?

Comrade GAY. If I had any objection to the business that has taken place? Assuming that the Grand Army of the Republic has—we talked over this this morning, and I wish to express myself that I really have no objection.

Secretary FLOOD. Last year you comrades who are here, and I see one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine of the comrades here, were in the national encampment when a comrade who had appealed from the decision of the commander in chief voluntarily offered to give up his post and become a member-at-large and a good comrade. Those were his words. If you remember, the national encampment accepted his offer. Immediately upon his return to his home State he began suits in the courts as commander of the post. He wrote letters to the commander in chief signing them commander of the post. The matter became very serious. Suit after suit was filed, in some cases demanding the correspondence of the department headquarters. Correspondence between the commander in chief and the department headquarters was held by the commander in chief to be personal and confidential.

Finally the judges up there said, “Why does the commander in chief allow this to go on? If this man promised to do this why doesn’t the Grand Army stop it? Until they stop him we have to recognize his right for a suit.” The papers in the case were submitted to a superior judge of the court of Maine who is a past department commander of the Sons of Veterans, and he advised that the commander in chief had the right to suspend the comrade until such time as he kept his word or until he appeared before this encampment to plead his case and either be sustained in his actions or called to account for breaking his word.

Suits have since followed and at the present time the lady who claims to represent that comrade—the comrade himself is not coming, so I am told—the lady who claims to represent him, although we have not yet seen any papers giving her any power, has hired an attorney here and is going to sue the commander in chief and me before this encampment is over.

Now, you are being approached by the lady in the lobby and everywhere else, and you should keep an open mind on that until it comes before the encampment and the papers in the case are ready. You should remember the comrade's offer that he would surrender the post, become a member-at-large, and be a good comrade for the rest of his life. Those are Mr. Elliott's words, as the comrade's words were reported by Mr. Elliott.

In January he wrote the commander in chief that he had never done any such thing, that he had never appeared before the council. Two weeks later he sent an affidavit, "I hereby rescind any promises that I made in the national encampment." That was notarized. He was the one who made the promise and it was accepted by action of 35 comrades, and the commander in chief immediately wrote him that one party to a contract could not rescind it without the consent of the others and he could not consent to it being rescinded. That matter, for the good of the Department of Minnesota and for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is being scandalized in the State, will come before the national encampment. This is simply a warning from the commander in chief that you listen to all the stories told you and keep an open mind until you hear the papers in the case read.

The lady in question came to me on Saturday and said she had a letter to deliver to the commander in chief. I told her to take it up and give it to his attendant. She went up and he would not take it; he told her to bring it back to me; and then he phoned me and I told him it was all right to take it and I would send her back. She went back and told him that I said she could see the commander in chief any time she wanted to. But he didn't believe it. So she came down, and I caught her going from the balcony with her lawyer, and I stopped her. She denied she said it, but Comrade Penland and his son sat in the room and heard her. That is how much dependence you can place on the statements. But we have an attorney here ready to take the part of the Grand Army, the son of Judge Willett.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. I have a patriotic duty I want to bring up. Comrades, you are aware of the fact that Christopher Columbus discovered America. That happened something near 500 years ago. George Washington is called the Father of his Country. His name is highly honored, and his memory deserves all the honor that can be bestowed upon him. The District of Columbia is named after George Washington. The State of Washington is named after George Washington, and his birthday has become a national holiday.

Now I contend that Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America, should be honored as well as George Washington. His discovery took place in the history of this world when ignorance and superstition prevailed universally. People were not making the progress that they are doing now, and it was because they did not have the intelligence, they did not have the necessary opportunities for the

acquisition of knowledge that we have in this day and age of the world.

You probably are aware that a great many Catholics observe Columbus' birthday, the 12th of October. Now that indicates that we should make it a national holiday.

Abraham Lincoln is called the savior of his country. He not only saved the country but he liberated the slaves, a disgrace that was hanging over America and hindering our progress physically and morally, temporally and spiritually. We know that if Abraham Lincoln had not lost his life for his country that his life would have been of immeasurable value to the American people. He lost from 15 to 25 years of his life, and I think that if Lincoln had lived we would not have had any carpetbag governors in the South.

Some of you, maybe all of you, remember what a time they had in the South with carpetbag governors, men chosen from the Northern States to conduct the affairs of the States of the South; and I am sure that if Lincoln had lived we would not have had anything of that kind because he was a man that loved justice. He was a southern man by birth. His sympathies were largely with the South except upon the question of slavery, and I think that Lincoln's birthday should be a national holiday.

I think one reason is because Columbus and Lincoln were poor men and Washington was a man of wealth, and of course men of wealth generally stand above the rest of us and their names are honored and wealth is respected. They are made a great deal of simply because they are men that have great wealth. That should never be in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

And if I was commander of this GAR I should exert all of my physical, mental, moral, and spiritual energies, although they may be very meager, I should exert them in an endeavor to have the birthdays of Columbus and Lincoln made national holidays. And I know there is an element that is back of that. The Catholic element is back of Columbus. They would support such a movement to make it a national holiday, and it would be a great help for our public school system because they were self-made men. They had their hardships and privations to encounter, and yet they equipped themselves physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually for any and every duty that devolved upon them, and we honor their memories, and we should endeavor to promote the idea of the birthdays of each of them becoming a national holiday. It would be a matter that could be easily handled if every patriotic man and woman would write a letter to their Senator and to the Congressman of their district favoring such a thing. They would be flooded with letters and they would be glad to adopt our recommendation without any further urgency. It won't be any expense to this country to make those Columbus and Lincoln days national holidays, and it would be showing a debt of gratitude for the services that they have rendered.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Senior Vice Commander in Chief, the Grand Army has a rule that its commander in chief cannot favor any legislation before Congress unless it has been approved by the national encampment. Therefore, if you want such action and the approval of the national encampment you should submit a resolution to the resolutions committee to be acted on and their report made to the

national encampment. But the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic has always been limited in his power. Many of them on entering office thought they had unlimited power and could favor anything they wanted to, and in the days when we had many past commanders in chief I sometimes pitied a commander in chief when he was told what he could not do. His education from the past commanders in chief began very early in his year. But that is the rule in the Grand Army that if you as commander in chief want to favor anything you must get action through the national encampment.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. Would we have any jurisdiction on Columbus Day? I object to that. I object to that coming before the meeting.

Secretary FLOOD. That is for his information. I told him there must be a resolution submitted to the resolutions committee and they would report to the national encampment.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief SHUMATE. I don't think he ever discovered America.

Secretary FLOOD. To begin with, there is not a single national holiday. Congress has never decreed that any one day shall be a holiday. Many holidays are called national holidays because the States individually have accepted them. But that does not make it a national holiday until Congress says so, and they have not so done.

Comrade FERGUSON. How about Memorial Day?

Secretary FLOOD. Memorial Day in the North is observed by action of the various States, and in the South the same way. They have all sorts of days in the month of April in the different States in the South. They do not have our day. They have anywhere from the 1st of April until the 30th in the different Southern States. There are only a couple that have it on the same day. But Memorial Day is not a national holiday.

Comrade FERGUSON. My understanding is it is a national holiday.

Secretary FLOOD. Nobody has been able to find any such action.

Comrade FERGUSON. Made so in 1938, and was recommended by Mrs. John Logan.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. You have all noticed that the Fourth of July is practically out of date. I remember when I was a boy that was a great day in the United States of America, and you men can probably remember the same. But Memorial Day is all right, but it should not displace the Fourth of July celebration. That has a tendency to keep up our patriotic interest. You know that the old saying is that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and we are finding it so as the days go by. The condition of our country today is terrible. We have got billions of dollars of indebtedness. That has got to come out of the hard work of the laboring element of this country.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Ferguson, Mrs. John A. Logan was not living in 1938, so she could not have had it made a holiday.

Comrade FERGUSON. I don't know. She was—this Mrs. John Logan was the wife of Gen. John A. Logan.

Secretary FLOOD. In 1868 John A. Logan was commander in chief of the Grand Army. It was suggested to him from various sources that we have a day corresponding to the day used in Germany to

spread flowers on the graves. It was a German comrade who first suggested it. Mrs. Logan was very much interested in it, and then Comrade Chipman, who was the adjutant general, wrote the order and submitted it to General Logan, who made some corrections in pencil. That original paper was kept by Judge Chipman and presented by him to the State Historical Library in Sacramento, as he later became a citizen of California and served on the appellate bench. It was never adopted by Congress. It was simply a Grand Army order issued by the commander in chief of the Grand Army.

Comrade FERGUSON. It has been my understanding Memorial Day was made a national holiday, and the people today celebrate the 12th of February as Lincoln's birthday.

Secretary FLOOD. Yes, but not in all States. In some States they have a holiday; in others they do not. But I can show you Beath's History of the Grand Army that will tell you about Memorial Day, and you will find nothing about any action of Congress. Have you any other business?

Comrade OSBORN. Commander, Miss Flood, there is a question on my mind that I have been thinking about for some time, that this perhaps would be the proper time and body to advise me of what course to pursue. That is in regard to O. P. Morton Post, Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Missouri. I am the commander of the post, the assistant adjutant general and quartermaster of O. P. Morton Post, No. 14, and I am the only member remaining alive of that post. We have a room that was set aside when that memorial hall was built a-purpose for the O. P. Morton Post, Grand Army of the Republic to keep as long as it existed. Now I, being the last member of that post and have been alone for the past 2 years, I am paying a dollar a year for our per capita tax. But we have a fine desk, we have a splendid flag, we have a fine gas stove, we have some other property, and it is there locked up in that post room, and I would like to have that matter settled as to who would be the proper one to say what disposition should be made with that fund.

Secretary FLOOD. Senior Vice Commander, may I tell him what the rule has been in the past in several cases?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. Yes.

Secretary FLOOD. You as the sole survivor of the post are the owner of that property. If it is worth any money you can sell it for that. That is your privilege because you are the post. If you want to give it to someone that is your privilege because you are the post. The disposition of that is entirely in your hands. You cannot give your books away or your post records. The national encampment has legislated on that; but you can give your personal property, like your desk or your stove. That is for you to determine what shall be done with it. In case a post goes out of existence without disposition of its property it become the property of the department. But what the Department of Missouri would do with a desk and a good gas stove I haven't any idea. So that is up to you to settle as the sole survivor of the post, whether you want to give it to one of your organizations who can use it or whether you want to sell it and put the money in the post treasury. That has been the rule in the past and it would cover your case.

Comrade OSBORN. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Wilcox, the two representatives from the Woman's Relief Corps have arrived, the national president, Mrs. Anna Anschutz, and Past National President Louise Haider, and we would like to have them come to the platform.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. Yes. I would like to have you say a few words to the comrades.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Comrade Wilcox, and comrades: sorry to be late but we were over with the Junior Club, you know, the girls, the little girls of our order. The junior girls whom we expect some day to do the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, are in session over there and we could not help but stay there a little while and talk to them. It is so necessary that they learn the principles for which you fought. We want to tell them how we of the Woman's Relief Corps have enjoyed serving you these 62 years, and we want again to tell you that the work that you began 78 years ago is in good hands with the allied organizations of your Grand Army of the Republic.

You don't know how fortunate you are at this date and all through these years in having so wonderful a woman take care of you, not only of your records and your work, but she has had personal care of you. She has treated you as she would her own father and my father because they were your comrades.

We of the Woman's Relief Corps want to tell you again and again that we are going to keep alive your memory for all time. People are just beginning to wake up to the fact that you men served your country. But we will make them believe it; we will make them remember everything you did.

So we are wishing for you the best of health and luck in the days to come. Thank you, comrades. [Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. Mrs. Haider, past national president. She will talk to you for a few minutes.

Mrs. HAIDER. Acting Commander and comrades, this is the first time I have come to a convention that there are no California comrades, and it was just a little bit difficult to come. I know that you are missing them, just as we are.

I want to say to you that I heard from Colonel Martin just before I left, and that I know he is with you in spirit. He is thinking of you. The last time I saw him he was quite cheerful, but he is just not so good on his feet. But he helped make a record, and he was quite interested when he talked into that phonograph record.

And Comrade Dumser was still so well at our department encampment, but soon after that he was admitted to the hospital for an operation which was hard on him. But he is coming out all right. However, the doctor advised against his coming. I know that that hurt him more than the operation because he wanted to come.

So I just want to say to you that our comrades are still living and doing things out there, but with travel conditions all their doctors and all their families advised against their coming. I do hope that things will be better next year and that they can be with you again. And may God keep you and bless you that we may have you for a long, long time. Thank you. [Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. The male citizens of the United States of America are proud of the organizations and achievements that the female members of our population have accomplished

and are still accomplishing. There is no country in the world that gives a woman a better chance to equip herself physically, morally, intellectually, and spiritually than America, and that, I tell you, my comrades, is one reason that we are making the progress that we do. We owe it largely to the female portion of America. Our public school system gives them an opportunity to give you an education on an equality with the boys that attend the schools, and I think the majority of our schools the teachers are the female portion of the community largely. Some of them make it a life work, and in all of the social, moral, and intellectual interests that are involved in the progress and history and achievement of the American people the ladies are moving along hand in hand with men in the promotion of everything that is calculated to raise up the physical, mental, moral, and spiritual condition of the whole country.

When we went into the struggle to bring back those Southern States we had only 30,000,000 population. We have doubled and trebled and quadrupled that number in less than a hundred years. If we reckon our progress from the time that the Civil War closed we have got 21 years yet to make out one of the greatest centuries the world has ever known, and if we do our duty we will surely do it.

I tell you, my comrades, the first geography I ever studied had a map in it peppered and salted, with the words, "The great American desert." Maybe you would hardly believe that, but it is true. Perhaps some of you studied that geography, Mitchell's geography. It shows us how little our great men knew about the qualities of our great American desert, as they called it, for it has become the wheat and corn and cotton emporium of the world. It shows how little we know sometimes about our surroundings, how much we might develop our farms and make them more successful than we do, and other enterprises stand a good deal of investigation and improvement to make them come up to the highest standard of physical, mental, moral, and spiritual development.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Senior Vice Commander, the representatives of the other orders have not arrived. I would like to say something to the comrades about the arrangements for the parade. The meeting of the comrades has been called here at 3:30 for your directions for the parade and perhaps if I told you comrades now you won't have to come back for that meeting of comrades.

You will assemble in the green room next door before 9:15 on Wednesday morning. All comrades are going to ride. No escorts will be allowed in the cars with the comrades. They can go down to the grandstand and take the comrades after the parade is over, if they wish, but the comrades will be helped onto the stand by the chief marshal's aides, military men. They will be taken down from the stand at the close of the parade and placed in the cars and brought back here to the hotel. So no escorts will be allowed in the cars. It is to be a Grand Army parade.

The first section. Of course your Marine Band will go first. Then the chief marshal and his aides. Then the escorts of Sons, led by the Civil War Musicians. And then will come the colors of the Grand Army of the Republic and the commander in chief followed by his officers and his executive committee, and then the comrades of the departments.

The second section will come 300 feet behind the Grand Army, and it is to be led by the WAC band which has come here from Omaha for that purpose. The entire WAC contingent from Fort Des Moines is to march. A part of the contingent is colored, and the WAC colored band is also parading. A white band and a colored band parade with the WAC delegation.

In the third section is going to be the different veterans' organizations, followed by the Boy Scouts of the city. That is to be the entire make-up of the parade.

The commander in chief will be taken to the reviewing stand. His comrades will pass in review and immediately be taken into the stand so that they may review the rest of the parade.

Now that will be carried out very carefully by the aides of the chief marshal. The Boy Scouts will be there to see that you are taken care of, and we hope that you will all be here by 9:15 in the green room so that you may be seated in the proper cars. I will have assistants there to go down with me and see that you get where you belong and that no one gets in who does not belong.

There is a man around the hotel here with a Grand Army badge on. He is not a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In some way or other he got into a post in Iowa, and when they came to investigate his record he had never been enlisted or had never been mustered out, and he was dropped from the rolls. In fact he was the junior vice department commander at the time. He has kept out of sight until Saturday when he came up, and he has been getting into cars and going along. In fact he rode over to the coliseum in the front seat of the car I was in. He defies all attempts to make him take off the badge and the button. He was only wearing a button at first. The laws of Iowa give the Iowa Department the right to have the police make him stop wearing it, but it seems advisable to ignore it this week and let Iowa take care of him when this is over. His name is Fisher, from Humeston, Iowa.

So if he wants to get into the car with any of the comrades after I have seated you, don't let him in. He does not belong there. He has been dropped several years now from the organization when they found out, and he admitted it here Saturday. Miss Noll, the secretary, told me that he never had been enlisted. He said, "You will not take that button off me." So we are going to let her settle that after we go home, because there are laws covering it. We don't want any publicity in the paper any more than we can help, and I hope we are not going to have any before the week is over. But we are prepared for it if we get it.

Comrade GAY. Miss Flood, I would just like to ask you a question for a little information on that point. How are we, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, going to recognize that man?

Secretary FLOOD. I will tell you something about him. He is not in a uniform. He has no uniform on. He is a little, short, stooped man, I think with a gray suit. He has an Iowa ribbon.

Comrade WARNER. He is liable to arrest any time. I want to tell you comrades and these ladies something.

Secretary FLOOD. The ladies feel they must go, as they have other meetings.

Comrade WARNER (reading) :

A simple foreigner not long ago at a shop, reading: "Good pickles sold here,"
To the shop woman said, "What is pickles, my dear?"
"Why pickles," says she, "is a sort of a name
Like preserves, meaning nearly the same,
For pickling preserves, though not quite the same way,
Yet 'tis much the same thing, as a body might say."

The foreigner bowed and gave thanks for his lesson,
Which the next day at dinner he made a fine mess on.
For a loud clap of thunder caused Miss Kitty, the nervous,
To start from her chair and cry "Mercy! Preserve us!"
And he, keeping steadily his lesson in view,
Cried out: "Mercy, preserve us and pickle us too."

We comrades and the auxiliaries have come here to this great city and we are proud of the entertainment that we are having, but while we want to be preserved well enough to get back home, we don't want to be pickled.

Mrs. HAIDER. Goodbye. It has been a pleasure and privilege to be here.

(The ladies retire.)

Comrade STORMES. I want to say a word or two. The last 4 or 5 years I have met two of these same men. The last one claimed to be a year older than me. I was holding my convention in Salt Lake and there was a knock on the door. I told the secretary to answer the door, and the reporter said he had an old soldier with him. I sized him and could not see any button, and I said to him "Where is your button?" He said, "I lost it." I said, "Where is your discharge?" He said, "I lost it." I said, "That is a good place for both of them." So I asked him in. I was pretty near ready to adjourn. And in the meantime he offered my secretary \$5 for a button and when I came in she told me.

And that fall the Legion had their march and of course I led the parade. He came up and he said, "I am going to ride with you." You ought to have heard me, what I told him. I told him plenty. And when the parade broke up he was on the engine. I told the commander of the Legion, Higby, to put him off, and he would not.

And about 2 months ago they had the old folks' picnic and he was there. I stepped up to him and I said, "You have been a member of the Woodmen of the World." I said, "It is God damn late." But I found out since that he had, and he worked that card, and he is nothing but an Indian War veteran, and I have had nothing to do with him, and I ain't going to.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrades, I want to tell you about that comrade. He claimed to be a Massachusetts soldier. Massachusetts can find nothing for him. He claimed to be from Springfield. There is a man in the records from Springfield, but he would be 30 years older than him. He had the name of a Massachusetts man, but he didn't count on the age. He went to Sacramento and was out there last year and he told Comrade Luke in Sacramento that he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he had a button. I don't know where he got it, but he had it. And the department senior vice president of the Daughters told me about it. He said he didn't get a pension, and he wanted them to help him. I first heard of him out in California in a town outside of Los Angeles. A member of the Daughters wrote me to

see if I could not help get this man a pension, and that is how I got the record that he didn't belong in Massachusetts, and there was no one except this man 30 years older that had that name. Of course I immediately told Comrade Luke in Sacramento and the Daughters that the man was a fraud. Apparently when they found it out he went back to Utah and worked the game again. I don't know where I will hear from him next, but I will probably hear from him if he is living.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. If there is any comrade that has got a good story to tell we would like to have him come up here and tell it so we would all have a laugh. If not——

Comrade WARNER. I haven't any story to tell, but I could call the roll if you want it.

Secretary FLOOD. We don't need that. You save that for the camp-fire.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief WILCOX. Let's salute the flag. [Pledge of allegiance given.] We are adjourned. We stand adjourned. (3:24 p. m.)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD IN THE SOUTH BALLROOM
OF THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA,
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1944**

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief in the south ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, September 14, 1944. The meeting was called to order by the commander in chief at 2:38 p. m. The following members of the council were in attendance:

Commander in Chief Isaac W. Sharp, Warsaw, Ind.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Wash.

Chaplain in Chief Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Comrade William P. Lockwood, of Illinois.

Comrade David Sisk, of Iowa.

Comrade George H. Jones, of Maine.

Comrade George A. Gay, of Massachusetts.

Comrade William H. Ferguson, of Michigan.

Comrade Lyman E. Butterfield, of New Hampshire.

Comrade T. A. Penland, of Oregon.

Comrade Ira Stormes, of Utah.

Commander in Chief SHARP. The council will please come to order. The chaplain will please open the meeting with prayer.

Chaplain in Chief WARNER. O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we want to thank Thee again that we have the privilege of meeting here with our comrades and our affiliated associations. Help us to do the business correctly and right, and at last save us in Heaven. We ask for Christ's sake. Amen.

Secretary KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD. The proper elective officers are all present, and the other comrades are the representatives elected by the departments.

I wonder if you don't want to hear from your national officers first, your visitors, before you start your business.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Yes. This is a little like going out of grade school into the high school—the same, only a little more of it. I am not familiar with the procedure.

Mrs. ANNA ANSCHUTZ, Past President, National Woman's Relief Corps. Commander, I have the pleasure to present to you the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Laura I. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH. Commander in chief, in behalf of your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, I bring you their greetings, their love, their best wishes, and their full 100 percent support—to you and to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic during this year.

Commander in Chief SHARP. I want to say to the Relief Corps in the beginning, my life companion went away 20 years ago the 27th of last February right out of these arms. She was a Relief Corps president at home for 3 years, secretary for years. She went out saying, "I am going. I want to say how I love you." She is there yet. Her body is gone. I am with the Relief Corps.

Secretary FLOOD. The president of the Ladies of the GAR for the past year is here. Do you want to give way to your president-elect first? This is Mrs. Eunice Rash, of Kansas, president-elect of the Ladies of the GAR.

Mrs. RASH. My Commander in Chief, in behalf of the family of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic we pledge to you our most loyal support. We are just out to do better than our best this year to meet the challenge of this time and to uphold the wonderful work of my predecessors, and I know that we are going to have a wonderful year together.

Secretary FLOOD. And the president-elect of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Beatrice Manning, of Connecticut.

Mrs. MANNING. Commander in Chief, I can say nothing but what the lady ahead of me has said, that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War pledge our loyal support to you Boys in Blue.

C. LEROY STOUT, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander in Chief Sharp, permit me to congratulate you upon your selection for the office you now hold, and to you and your comrades I am most happy to introduce your co-worker for the year, my successor, a man who is going to carry on the work as you want us, the newly elected commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Union W. Mackey, of Michigan.

Mr. MACKEY. Commander in Chief and comrades, I know that the work that the Sons have been doing for the past years will be carried out this year. Anything that the Sons can do for you, we will do it gladly. Any time that you want us to do anything just let one of us know, or let me know, and I pledge you my faithful help.

Mrs. MAUDE B. WARREN, past national president Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army, it has been my pleasure to work with the Grand Army family this year, but now we have a new lady who will work with you, and I want to make you acquainted with her. May I present at this time Mrs. Edith B. Nile, of Ohio, where we are doing things for the Union veterans?

Commander in Chief SHARP. That is where I was born and served in the Army.

Mrs. NILE. Don't we Ohioans look pretty well together then, Commander in Chief? I am happy that you have been elected to this office, and I wish for you all the health and strength, and to your comrades, for this next year so that you may carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am sure that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans will do all in our power to help you, and I am sure that when come to Ohio probably a year from now we are going to do everything we can for your comfort; and we will be looking forward for each and every one of you.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Thank you. Columbus, Ohio, has the flag I fought under.

Secretary FLOOD. Now we are going to start with the has-beens. Mrs. Anna Anschutz, past national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, national president for the past year.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Commander in Chief, I met you when I was in Indiana visiting with the Corps at their convention and had a pleasant visit with you and have your photograph as one of my prize possessions. I wish for you and your comrades health and happiness for the coming year. I trust that each one of you will meet with us again in Columbus next year. Good luck, and God bless each one of you.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Comrades, you see why we live on.

Secretary FLOOD. Mrs. Theo Redfern, who has been president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for the past year.

Mrs. REDFERN. Commander in Chief and your comrades, I want to offer my congratulations to you and wish you the best luck in the world. I want to see every comrade here next year, so we will have the opportunity of clasping hands again. It is such a pleasure for the Grand Army family to meet together every year, something we look forward to from one year to the next; and if you can be spared to us with good health we will all meet in Columbus next year. My congratulations to you, my best wishes to you for a happy year.

Commander in Chief SHARP. It is my hope we do not lose half of our number next year as we did last year.

Secretary FLOOD. Miss Ora Cox, who has been president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the past year.

Miss Cox. I certainly do congratulate you. I am so happy for you that you have been elected to this office, and even though I am a has-been I pledge you my support and I know that you will have it from everyone of us. I hope you will have a wonderful year with all of your comrades, and I, too, hope to see all of you in Columbus. God bless you and keep you.

Secretary FLOOD. And now comes "Peck's Bad Boy," LeRoy Stoudt, who has been commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the past year.

Past Commander in Chief STOUT. Commander Sharp, there is not much I can add to what these lovely ladies have already said. I am sure our association with you comrades this past year, especially Commander in Chief Jones, has been most pleasant. I think Miss Flood is not quite as old as you, but I am sure she will mother you and the rest of you just the same as she did our fellows the past year. She treated us very fine.

Secretary FLOOD. Now comes Maudie. Mrs. Maude B. Warren, past national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, one of my Massachusetts girls.

Mrs. WARREN. Commander in Chief, I spoke to you before and told you I had the pleasure of serving this year with your comrade. I met you in Indianapolis when I visited there. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to extend to you best wishes for the coming year with our new president.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Thank you. Thank you.

Secretary FLOOD. Now, Commander in Chief, we are going to get down to business and talk about money. We have to provide for the running expenses for next year. I do want to say that the presiding

heads of the auxiliary and allied organizations this past year have been most cooperative. They have worked for the Grand Army with the idea of unity. There was not a rift in the family. Once in a while we sort of rapped Roy on the wrist and he subsided, but like all small children, he turned out a good boy finally.

We now have to consider the budget. We have in the permanent fund a little over \$1,600. You have \$4,000 presented from the Grand Army family Monday evening. That leaves you \$5,600 that you are sure of. We will spend about three-fourths of the money that was reported in the general fund to pay all the closing bills of the encampment and get me out of here back to Maine. We will let the next administration get me out of Maine into Indiana. But it is now for you to decide what your budget shall be for next year—the commander in chief's travel allowance, the budget for the office expenses, and that sort of thing. Last year you had \$800 for the commander in chief's travel. He is a little backward about asking you what you are going to give him next year, but I think he is open to a motion as to what his traveling allowance shall be next year.

Commander in Chief SHARP. I am not much of a beggar. I didn't make my living that way. But there are points that we have to meet and we know that we cannot travel without something to pay our way. Now what shall it be?

Secretary FLOOD. The commander in chief awaits a motion as to how much you are going to give him for his travel this year. Last year it was \$800. The year before it was a thousand. I don't think it should be less than \$800 this year.

Comrade STORMES. I make a motion that he have \$800. [Motion seconded.]

Comrade GAY. May I ask a question?

Comrade FERGUSON. It hasn't occurred to me that it should take as much travel expense to travel from Indiana to Ohio as it does from Maine to Des Moines.

Comrade GAY. If the commander goes away, I suppose like all of us old fellows, he would have to have an escort.

Secretary FLOOD. Yes.

Comrade GAY. If he intends to travel, why that would be a small allowance. You know you gave me a thousand dollars and I put a little of my own money in it to do something perhaps that you would not say was necessary. Well, I tried to see all of you allied organizations as far as I could. And it is not costing any less today to travel.

Secretary FLOOD. It costs more than then.

Comrade GAY. Everything is money, money, and more money now.

Comrade STORMES. I will change my motion and give him a thousand.

Comrade GAY. Don't do that. I am only making this as a suggestion.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gay wonders how much he intends to travel.

Commander in Chief SHARP. I will travel all I am able to, but I am not able to do any more what I used to. I will do most of my traveling by calling up over the telephone or with the typewriter, and that will accomplish the same thing. I am willing to do that. And there

wont be a dollar spent that is not needed. If you give me \$800 and I have \$400 left, it goes back.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Sharp, that \$800 is for railroad travel or automobile if you substitute that for the railroad. That has nothing to do with your office expenses.

Comrade GAY. Then that being the case, I would suggest that we vote him \$800.

Secretary FLOOD. The original motion at \$800 was made by Comrade Stormes, of Utah. Has it been seconded? [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief SHARP. It has been moved and seconded. Are there any remarks? Anyone want to remark on the subject?

Comrade GAY. I don't know that I have any special remarks to make because I might ask you some personal questions that possibly might be none of my business. But you won't travel too far. You cant's if you want to on that amount of money because everything is higher. It is money and money and more money wherever you go—red caps and all that sort of thing for taking care of your baggage and getting it from the restroom to the cars, and so forth and so on. Well, I imagine that if you get at the end of the rope on \$800 it will be all you will want to travel. I think so.

Comrade GALE. May I ask if that \$800 is just for railroad travel alone?

Secretary FLOOD. That is for his railroad, or automobile if he substitutes it for the railroad.

Comrade GALE. He has to have badges.

Secretary FLOOD. Oh, no; that has nothing to do with badges.

Comrade GALE. He can draw on the treasury? He also has to have stationery.

Secretary FLOOD. That is furnished from the office expenses. That has nothing to do with his travel at all.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Express your desires on the matter by voting. All in favor of the question say "aye." Contrary, the same. The ayes have it. It is so ordered.

Secretary FLOOD. Last year in view of the increased cost of living everywhere and the cost of supplies the budget was placed at \$6,500. We did not use \$6,500, and we will not have used it when the bills of this encampment are closed. But we will have used about \$6,100. I am hoping that that can be reduced next year.

You have to settle my salary, and of course that is pretty personal just now. Last year you gave me the regular salary I had been drawing of \$150 a month. Then you allowed me, if it was necessary, \$50 a month extra for expenses. Frankly, comrades, if you hadn't given me that I would have had to resign and find a position that would give me wages whereby I could live. In the city of Augusta there was no place to live except at the hotel. There was no way for me to get to the office at Camp Keyes except in an automobile, a taxicab in the morning and back at night. There was no place up there to get lunch, and I carried a cold lunch and tried to make a cup of coffee at noon when I could. And that is the way I lived all winter. Possibly that may account for my having lost 15 pounds.

Then we moved into Portland in March. I traveled the city of Portland for 10 days trying to find a place that I felt I could pay for, and at the end of 10 days I had found nothing. There under OPA

rules if I found the sort of room I could turn around in, it had been registered for two people and I could not have it if I paid the rate for two people. The OPA don't allow it in the places that are so listed as war defense places, and that was one. And I finally went to the manager of the Eastland Hotel and told him I had found nothing and it looked as though we would have to move to Boston after all. The manager had been manager of the Vendome Hotel in Boston when we met there in 1917 and in 1924, and he was at the Eastland when we went there in 1929; and he looked at me and he said, "Miss Flood, we cannot allow a veteran of the Civil War to go without a place to lay her head."

Now up to that time he had told me that he could not let me have a room for more than 10 days because it was a violation of the OPA hotel rule. He violated that rule in letting me have a room. It cost me nearly twice as much as I had ever paid for a room. In that city there is not a good place to eat except in the hotel, and the rates in the cheaper places, by action of the OPA, are just as much as in the hotel. I paid two-thirds as much more for my breakfast of fruit juice, toast and coffee there as I paid here and in the city of Chicago. That takes money.

I did manage to save this year out of that money the price of every bond that was sold, and that is all I did save, and I did not buy but one new dress in the whole year and I paid \$8.95 for it. So I do not think I have been extravagant with myself. But if living conditions are to be as high in Indiana as they have been, I am going to be in a pretty fix because next year under the new tax rule \$33 and some cents will be taken out of my \$150 for Government tax. So that has to be taken into consideration. I do have to live. I do have to live under decent living conditions because that is the only home I have. I really exist when I move around the way I do. And I do feel in justice to myself and the order which I serve I should live in the proper surroundings. I have all my life, and I won't live any differently for anybody else. And that must be considered when you fix my salary. It is rather embarrassing to have to make this explanation, but I think it is due you and it is due me.

Comrade GALE. You have to have—you had last year a certain amount of money. Now your expenses are going to be probably more this year, as you say. Now I want to say to the comrades that a few hundred dollars added is not too much to add to that—the whole amount. She has got to have a certain amount, and a few hundred dollars more doesn't make but a very trifle difference to all these different groups, separate groups, the units of all these different organizations. Why, I guess a dollar or two from each Relief Corps, each group, each unit, just a dollar or two would raise it. You probably all raise it all over the United States, and just a dollar or two added, I presume—you could figure that all up. And I am in favor of giving our secretary the money that she needs. We don't want her to live on a crust of bread, by a good deal. Let's vote it. I know we can raise the money. I feel sure that with all these auxiliaries it will be such a trifle for each group to contribute.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gale, the groups have already given to the national encampment. The Relief Corps, the Ladies, and the Daughters on Monday evening gave a thousand dollars each; the Sons

and the Auxiliary \$500 each. That is where we got the \$4,000. We had about \$1,600 in the permanent fund. But if you are going to do anything to my salary over the \$1,800 I am afraid that \$6,100 won't meet our budget. That is why I am talking so plainly to you so that you may know.

I do my best to keep the rates down. This year we had a terrible time with printing. We got the general orders to the printer in Augusta and then their machine broke down after they had started to set it in type. Then they finally had to get a priority to get repair parts, and after that had gone through their city board and the State board to Washington they finally got it. Then when they were ready to get it out they could not get any paper. They had to get a priority on paper. By that time I was getting pretty restless, pretty impatient, because the new general orders should have been out long before. I changed the dates on the printer's copy five times before they finally went to print.

Then I wrote to a past commander in chief of the Sons, Walt Mabie, in Philadelphia, who has helped me out on printing before, and asked him if he would print our General Orders No. 3 for Memorial Day. He replied that he would. I sent him the copy. Orders No. 3 were ready to send out before they had finished printing No. 2, and I had to go to Augusta twice and talk to them on the phone before I finally got the general orders out so that they might at least be mailed one day earlier than No. 3.

In the meantime the firm had changed hands and the new men didn't care much what happened to our printing. When it became time to get out General Orders No. 4, the printed roll and the officers' reports, I tried the printers in Portland. Nobody would promise me to get out anything any definite time. Now you know that the reports do not come in until the last month. The credentials are still coming in. And I had to know, so I wrote Walt Mabie again, and Walt came back that if I would send him the copy right away he would get it out for the national encampment. I mailed the copy for the roll that afternoon, and 4 days later received back the page proof and a statement that he could not print the officers' reports and the general orders because of the traffic strike in Philadelphia; they could not come to work and he was so far behind he could not do anything for us.

On the next mail came a letter from the printer here who had done the printing during Oley Nelson's administration, stating he wanted me to know he was in a position to get out any printing I wanted promptly and have it ready in the time I wanted it. Within 2 hours the copy for the General Orders No. 4 was in the airplane and on the way to Mr. Campbell, and he did get it out promptly. He worked Saturday and he worked Sunday, and then I sent the officers' reports, which were printed here last Friday. But I hate to tell you how uncertain I felt until that time as to whether you would have any printed roll. I did not tell a comrade about it. I did not tell the commander in chief because I didn't want to disturb him. But that is part of the worry that I had this summer, along with several others which I hope were settled this morning. That may happen again next year. But I shop for the lowest priced printer who will give us the proper kind of work at the lowest price.

Comrade GALE. If these orders have been giving and don't care to give any more, there is another way of raising the money. There are

wealthy people who do not want to be known as giving money to anyone because then they would be troubled—their mails would be flooded with letters begging. So they instruct different organizations like the Elks and others to find out where money is needed. They have got money to give away; they have got no heirs; they are wealthy. You could get them to help. They are going to give that money away anyway, or leave it. And they tell them to find out who needs money, “whoever needs it you let us know, and you give it to them, but don’t let them know that we are the ones that give the money.” I know this to be a fact and I don’t think, with the different units, you would have any trouble having a committee or someone just sound out the Elks and some others and find out. I think we could get all the money that way that we would need.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gale, that is humiliating to the Grand Army of the Republic and doubly humiliating to their allied orders who pledge them support. I don’t think any of us would like to have any outside organization go among their wealthy people for us. I would like to know how the orders feel about it. I think they feel the same way.

Comrade GALE. They are glad to give the money. You are not begging it. They are offering it themselves. You are not begging it. You are only finding it.

Secretary FLOOD. But if our Grand Army family can’t take care of the family of what use are they?

Mrs. SMITH. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman’s Relief Corps stands ready to give you just what you want—money.

Secretary FLOOD. Sure.

Miss COX. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, didn’t I tell our commander in chief Monday night when I gave you the thousand dollars for your general fund and four hundred for your Southern Memorial Fund if you needed more in your general fund, call upon us and we will certainly help you.

Secretary FLOOD. I think, commander, you heard that question answered. If we run out of money and I am living on a crust of bread, I am going to call on Laura. She has known me since I was that high. Now I am sure. I wanted it thoroughly understood when you made the budget that the money was in sight now or in the future for that budget. I will cut it just as close as I can. You may be sure of that. But I will not lower the dignity of your organization.

Comrade GAY. I want to say just a word here. I don’t want to do too much talking but I am going to make a motion because she spurred me on a little bit, because I know that lady will do just what she says. Now I am going to make a motion that we increase Miss Flood’s budget to the sum of \$300.

Secretary FLOOD. I don’t want my salary increased. If you will allow me extra money I will be glad to take that if I need it. If you increase my salary I have got to pay the Government on that money. If you give me extra for living expenses the tax law says if you live in a certain place for the convenience of your employer what is allowed you for living doesn’t have to be counted on the tax, and that is why I have demurred whenever you have spoken of increasing my salary. Last year my salary was \$1,800, as it has been since 1919. You did allow me \$50 a month extra. So all last year they got \$19.16 a month

out of my salary, but next year they are going to get more than \$33—nearer \$34—out of it. So there won't be much left when you take \$35 out of \$150, and I don't think \$300 will pay the extra living in the city of Indianapolis.

Comrade GAY. You don't think that will be enough?

Secretary FLOOD. I don't think it should be any less than last year. I pledge you if I don't have to pay high living expenses I will cut the allowance to what I think is fair.

Comrade GAY. That is all right. There is a way to get over that money business just a little way.

Secretary FLOOD. Well, if you want to change your \$300, Comrade Gay, you can cover that by simply saying the same allowance as last year. That would cover it.

Comrade GAY. I would put it that way.

Comrade GALE. I will second that if that is satisfactory to you.

Secretary FLOOD. It is satisfactory to me.

Comrade GALE. I was thinking we would pay what we gave last year.

Secretary FLOOD. No; he didn't put it up to what I got last year. He meant to give me over the \$1,800. You see last year I got \$600 over the \$1,800, and I saved the price of every bond during the year. That is a \$25 bond, not the hundred.

Commander in Chief SHARP. I got an increase of \$50 a month for my secretary by telling what we did for you last year.

Secretary FLOOD. You deal with the State of Indiana. That is different.

Commander in Chief SHARP. What shall we do? Is there any motion?

Secretary FLOOD. The motion has been made by Comrade Gay and seconded by Comrade Gale.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Any remarks?

Secretary FLOOD. They are going to give me the same that they did last year.

Commander in Chief SHARP. That is \$1,800?

Secretary FLOOD. And the extra fifty, if needed.

Commander in Chief SHARP. To be paid her if she needs it. The motion is to pay her an \$1,800 salary, and the \$50 a month she can draw on if she needs it. Will you vote on it, please. What shall be the expression? How many agree? All those in favor of that motion say "aye." Contrary? The ayes have it.

Secretary FLOOD. Our friends are going to leave us. Will the new officers leave their names and their addresses in the outer office. [The visiting delegations retire.]

Now, comrades, it has been customary to pay the adjutant general \$100 during the year for his services and any letters he may have to have written. Our adjutant general has been in Los Angeles away from headquarters. It has been customary to pay the quartermaster general \$100 to be paid to the department secretary who keeps the books and sends out the supplies. Do you want to vote to make that same salary for the coming year for them?

Comrade STORMES. I will make a motion that we keep it right where it is.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion has been made by Comrade Stormes that the same salary be allowed the adjutant and quartermaster for the expenses of their assistants. [Motion seconded.]

Commander in Chief SHARP. All in favor of the motion say "aye." Contrary, the same sign. [Carried.]

Secretary FLOOD. There is one more matter to bring before this meeting. There is an organization which has been meeting at the time the Grand Army has met called the Federated Patriotic Societies. In 1935 they asked the national for recognition as an allied body. That resolution was handed to Past Commander in Chief Willett, who was chairman of the committee on resolutions, and when he reported he reported that the committee on resolutions had reported adversely—that is, against recognizing them—on the ground that they were all members of recognized orders. That is, they consisted at that time of the Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary. The Daughters had withdrawn because they did not like the discourtesy shown in 1934 to their commander in chief. And Judge Willett in the meeting of the organization after 1935, when the national encampment refused to recognize them as an allied order—they were notified that they must take from their letterhead the words "Affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic," and they did.

Four years ago they admitted into their membership the Dames of the Loyal Legion. The Loyal Legion and their auxiliary, the Dames of the Loyal Legion, have never had any connection with the Grand Army of the Republic in any way. In fact, as most of you know, the members of the Loyal Legion were all commissioned officers, and they rather looked down on the enlisted men and held themselves aloof. There were a few who did not. Now when they attempted an organization distinct from the Grand Army family, they, in a way, I believe, put themselves out of asking for anything.

Now they want to send a committee to your council. I could not get to it at this meeting and told them to come to the next meeting of the council if you vote to grant it. They want to send a committee and ask your council to recommend to the national encampment that they be allowed to call themselves the Grand Army Federation, or some such name. I told the small committee that came and talked with me that until they cleared that foreign organization out which did not belong to the Grand Army of the Republic, they had no right to ask anything. But they just seem to want to leave that question out of it. If they are going to bring in one organization after you give them the right to use your name—if you do—they will want to bring in another organization, and before you know it they won't be the Grand Army family.

Now they left a letter, which I had here this morning and is now on my desk, asking that a committee be allowed to visit—have an interview with the council of administration. That, of course, would have to be at the next national encampment. Now what is the wish of this council in regard to it? Do you favor allowing any group to use the name Grand Army of the Republic? In fact, the chairman of that committee told me that if they wanted to use it there was nothing to prevent them. But they would like the Grand Army's consent. I suggested that if they used it without Grand Army consent they would probably find that the organizations that they belonged to individually would no longer be recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic. I thought that was rather a threat—that they could use

it if they wanted to legally, even if you don't consent. But I don't believe the organizations of which they are a component part would stand for that sort of thing if they knew a committee was talking that way.

But shall I notify them that they will be allowed to meet your next national council and make their pleas?

Comrade STORMES. My opinion on it, drop it.

Secretary FLOOD. A lot of their members are of the opinion that they should disband, but they were outvoted at that meeting.

Comrade STORMES. Let them disband. I don't believe in using the Grand Army name in any other order.

Secretary FLOOD. Comrade Gay, you were at that meeting the other night.

Comrade GAY. Yes; and quite a discussion we had.

Secretary FLOOD. I heard you had rather a warm meeting.

Comrade GAY. Well, we did. Leave it to me, they didn't get ahead of Gay.

Secretary FLOOD. I understood that, although somebody came around and told me that you were heartily in favor of it.

Comrade GAY. I?

Secretary FLOOD. Yes. I had heard differently.

Comrade GAY. You know better than that.

Secretary FLOOD. And I told him so. I told him that I didn't think any comrade would allow them to use that name until they had been recognized. But they want recognition. The purpose of some of the members of that federation is to make it the federation in time and eliminate our individual organizations. Now we don't intend, in the Daughters, that they shall, and that is why we will not join them.

Comrade GAY. I would like to say just a few words. We certainly did have a very warm session, and I said this: "You have got now in your ranks members that are not in our affiliated organizations in the Grand Army of the Republic. So," I said, "if there are any such members in here, of course you have a perfect right if you want to. But," I said, "in name of heaven, the organization that you federated with, which is the Grand Army of the Republic—aren't they good enough for you?" I said, "It is none of my affair if you go in there, but it looks to me just as though you are stealing on the Grand Army of the Republic, and I don't like it."

Secretary FLOOD. They want your name to get along in the world on. That is what they ask. They think they would get some recognition if they could say they were allied with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade GAY. Certainly.

Secretary FLOOD. But the national encampment in 1935, in the resolutions committee, that had about 35 men present, with Judge Willett as chairman, voted against it. I was accused of influencing that vote, and I tell you comrades I didn't even know the resolution was in Judge Willett's hands until he had his report. I never went into a resolutions committee. I always kept out of it so that I could not be accused. I would send them a stenographer to report it; but I never asked that stenographer a question, and she never offered any information. I never knew until the resolutions were read by Judge Willett as chairman what had been offered or what had been stated, because all

resolutions were handed directly to the chairman by whoever had them to offer.

Now it is for you to decide here—this is your last business of the day—it is for you to decide whether you will grant them the right to appear at the next national council meeting or whether you shall not.

Comrade GAY. I say right offhand, no.

Secretary FLOOD. Will you make the motion?

Comrade GAY. I will.

Comrade STORMES. I say, "No."

Comrade GAY. I will make the motion that that organization shall not have anything to do with this Grand Army of the Republic. If they want to stay in that organization, those who were allied to us, and we are not good enough for them, then they will do as they are a mind to, but I can't stop them staying there. But I don't think that they are honest with the organizations that are affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Secretary FLOOD. Well, they are all members of it except for this one outside organization they took in, and I told them they were not in a position to ask anything of the Grand Army of the Republic until they eliminated that organization, because you could not grant the Dames of the Loyal Legion the right to go out and say they were affiliated with your order.

Comrade GAY. That is right. You know me well enough, Katharine, that I would do all I could against anybody who wanted to undermine the Grand Army of the Republic. And I have this opinion of it: They wanted to go into that organization and did go. They were not loyal to the Grand Army or they would not have done it. Our organization is good enough; it has always been.

Secretary FLOOD. This federated organization started in 1920 or 1921 in Indianapolis. It was the pet idea of Commander in Chief Clarendon Adams and some of the corps officers of that year. They called a meeting of the national president of each order and one delegate. When Comrade Adams brought it into the national encampment, the national encampment turned it down. They would not become a part of it. But the other orders continued with a meeting of the past national presidents, the presiding president, and one delegate for several years; and then somebody got ambitious and decided they would make it an organization.

At that time it was a committee that met Sunday afternoon and discussed things for the good of all the organizations connected with the Grand Army. Then they began to form State organizations, they began to add a chaplain to the federation, they added a press correspondent. Then they went out and they formed State organizations and city organizations and frankly stated in many places that when the Grand Army was gone this organization was the only one that would have the right to carry on the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic.

About that time the Daughters began to sit up and take notice, and it culminated in 1934, when we thought it was time to get out. They came back in 1935 and asked us to join, and we turned them down. We turned them down 3 years ago, and I understand they were sending a committee today. I can assure you they were turned down if they did.

Comrade GAY. Yes; and flat, too. There is just one thing more I want to say. You know Past Commander in Chief Lambert?

Secretary FLOOD. He is the one who told me that they had the right to take the name if they wanted to.

Comrade GAY. I told him—I says, “I kind of liked you, but the attitude that you have taken here now, I can’t say that I do.” I said, “You, a son of a Union veteran that is allied to the Grand Army of the Republic, to take this position as the head of it—for what? For a little aggrandizement for yourself, and I don’t like it.” And I don’t like it.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Some years ago this same situation was brought up, and they made a decision that we had all the organizations that we could take care of, and they refused to take them in. That has been some years ago. That was all we could take care of; if you want to join this, it would be all right, but we could not take in another organization.

There is a motion before the house.

Secretary FLOOD. The motion was to refuse the request of the committee who came here to allow them to appear before the council of administration.

Commander in Chief SHARP. All that agree to it say “aye”; contrary, “no.” It is carried.

Secretary FLOOD. I don’t know of any other business, Commander, to come before this meeting.

Commander in Chief SHARP. Then we are dismissed.

Secretary FLOOD. This council is dismissed, subject to the call of the commander in chief. (3:37 p. m.)

MEMORIAL SERVICES
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CAMP FIRE AND PARADE

**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES IN THE COLISEUM, DES
MOINES, IOWA, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 10,
1944, 2:30 P. M.**

Gen. Guy E. Logan, chairman, committee on arrangements, presiding.

(Music by the United States Marine Band, Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader.)

Chairman LOGAN. We will now have the invocation by Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Rev. Mr. WEERTZ. Dear God and Father of Mankind, we pause to breathe a prayer upon this high occasion, and to thank Thee for Thy beloved Son whom we honor and adore, and for Thy guiding spirit who hast preserved us a nation in freedom, unity, and truth.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for Heaven's blessings in beauty, advancement, social progress, and the will to do great things for Thee.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
A shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Thou hast in our Nation's history preserved us from death and annihilation. Thou hast heard the prayers of our Presidents and leaders, our fathers and mothers, wives and children, and hast led us to victory and peace and contentment in the quiet years. Grant us Thy abiding spirit.

We thank Thee today for the surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thou knowest how we love them; Thou hast blest them with long life, and hast shown unto them Thy salvation. For the kindred organizations that through Thee have here assembled and perpetuated the rich heritage of the past 80 years, we give three thanks.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the multiplicity of heavenly gifts during this dark hour of the world's history. Not unto us, but unto Thee, belongeth praise! There is none in heaven or earth whom we would give eternal thanks but Thee.

Strengthen the hands of our leaders and fighting forces on every far-flung battle line of the world. Keep them as they guard this precious heritage of liberty on land, in the sky, and upon the sea. Take away the loneliness of their hearts, and make them brave, and lead them home to their own fireside and altars of worship.

We pray for our enemies—change their hearts and minds, and make us brothers on this dawn of a new day for mankind universally. Bring to an early hour all cessation from war.

Bless all things done in this service to Thy honor and glory. May the messages bring hope, the music, inspiration, and also the deliberations of this convention be guided by kind and helpful co-

operation. In the Name of Him who hast redeemed us on Calvary's Cross. Amen.

(God Is Our Refuge and Strength, by the St. Paul's Episcopal Church vested choir of men and boys, Dudley Warner Fitch, director.)

Chairman LOGAN. I could hardly stand up on this rostrum and not say something about what was brought to my attention a few moments ago by the secretary of this grand old organization of GAR's. Miss Flood, who has worked tirelessly for these comrades of ours for many years, placed in my hands a gavel and allowed me to use it. This gavel is almost sacred. The hammer of it was made from the bannister in the home of Lincoln. The handle was made from a floor piece, as I understand, from the room in the old Capitol in Springfield where Lincoln lay in state. I simply wanted to call your attention to that because it is something to handle anything that came from the great man that headed the men who belong to this great GAR organization and carried them through the 41½ years of terrible war to bring peace and happiness to the peoples of this country, and I could not pass up this occasion to call your attention to that.

The next ceremony on the program is a very sacred ceremony. It is the placing of floral tributes by the various commanders, and here I want to announce that the commander in chief of the GAR is not feeling real well today and they thought it advisable for him not to come here. But just the same as it was in the grand old army when they were actually in the service, and has always been in every United States Army, there is always another to take a man's place at any time, and therefore substituting today in this placing of floral tributes is a past commander in chief, Mr. Gay, of Massachusetts.

Past Commander in Chief GEORGE A. GAY (placing flowers on easel). My comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and all assembled in this hall this afternoon, fortunate indeed are we, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, because of our long life. We have been told that if by reason of strength our lives are continued on, all that will be vanity.

I am not going to keep you listening to me because you will have others who can do far better than I. But I do want to pay this tribute to my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless every one of them. I would like to give a little eulogy that I love to give on occasions such as this. This is a memorial not only by our Grand Army of the Republic but by every citizen in this hall. We are going to take a broad view of this. You have lost your loved ones and we have lost ours. Now just a few words and I am finished.

Why should we grieve because
Our comrades and friends have passed on?
For they are not dead.
They live, they walk beside us,
They tell us things are true.

Why dream of poppied sod,
When we can feel their breath?
When flower and soul
And God knows
There is no death.

(Floral tributes were then placed by the following officers of the allied organizations):

Anna Anschutz, national president, Woman's Relief Corps.

Theo C. Redfern, national president, Ladies of the GAR.

Ora Cox, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

C. LeRoy Stoudt, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Maude B. Warren, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(Selection by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. I don't know of a better time to announce the result of the rain last night, and I regret it very much, for the people of this city and the surrounding country had been looking forward, Captain, for a long time to being favored with a repetition of the wonderful concert that you gave us at the Drake Stadium the last time your wonderful organization was here. But this rain last night soaked that stadium. Water is standing in the field. The seats are all soaked and we would not ask anybody to sit on them, and we could not ask this fine band to go out there and tramp around in the mud, although they would do it if we asked them. That concert has been changed so it will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Shrine Temple. The Shrine Temple has only about one-tenth of the seating capacity out at Drake, and the last time the captain had his organization here is the only time in the history of it that every seat in the Drake Stadium was taken, and we turned hundreds away. So if you want to hear this fine organization in their great concert tonight, I suggest you be there early.

We now have the memorial address by one of the honored citizens of this city, a man who has served his country, a man who has served all the citizens of this community repeatedly—in time past a minister of the Gospel, in business for himself at the present time, Mr. Clarence N. Bigelow, of Des Moines.

Mr. BIGELOW. Mr. Logan, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, allied organizations, and friends, it is a day like today when the great nation of America realizes the inadequacy of words to express its admiration, esteem, and respect for the Grand Army of the Republic and the work it has so unselfishly done for the nation. If I were to speak for an hour I could not speak my appreciation, and you could not speak yours in an hour. Our feeling is deep; it is sincere; it is reverent; and today as we pause at the beginning of this encampment to bring back afresh in our minds those who have fallen by the way, or passed to that greater experience, or reported at a new roll call, it is our purpose to let them live as they rightfully should and do live as a dominating force in our thinking, in our planning, and in our hope for a wonderful future.

These men that we honor this afternoon have taken a journey. I like to think of it that way. And it always brings to mind that statement of Paul recorded in Corinthians, the second letter and the fifth chapter: "We know that we have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." And as a boy in Sunday school when we would ask questions, and our teachers often times would wish we would not, we asked ourselves this question, Where is that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens?

I cannot draw a map for you and you cannot draw a map for me that would give that exact location; and because we are a practical people we may say, "That is not enough to say that. We want something we can have as a thing to hold in memory."

Well, friends, what is memory? But I am not trying to be foolish. There is something vital and something real in that challenge of Paul that lives today because these men of the Grand Army of the Republic are literally, as well as in their thought, living in a house that they built for themselves. No; it is not made of stone, nor plaster, nor wood. It is made of something that endures, because stone and plaster and wood may be destroyed or decay or wash away. But the memory of these men lives forever. I recall that that great Teacher once said, "The kingdom of God"—if translated literally from the Aramaic in which He spoke it—"The kingdom of God is in you."

Memory! Yes. That house is in you and those that have made it in a tangible way. Friends, just this it means to me: Those men dwell in the memory that they have builded in the hearts and the souls and the minds of the American people.

Probably one of its great foundation stones is that service so gallantly and so bravely given on the battlefields during the sixties. We recall some of them, some of those battles, of the heroism set forth in the pages of the histories that are used in our schools, our universities, and our colleges. But, friends, some of that heroic service means more to me than a history book. It means the stories that I have had told me at times of encampment, those deeds that were set forth as I sat at the knees of some of these men of the Grand Army of the Republic. History will never be able to tell of the true heroism, the true sacrifice, and the unselfishness of these men who served so well, that we are honoring today with the name of Grand Army of the Republic.

But there is a message that is spoken right today that means more than any words that may come from my lips; and that is the message being spoken by literally millions of boys that are in the air, they are down in the sea, they are on the sea, they are on the battle front, they are carrying ammunition, they are sacrificing their all, inspired by the memory of the service and the deeds of you men, our honored guests today.

No, friends, we may have oratory, we may write essays, we may sing songs—all wonderful and grand; but the greatest tribute to the boys of the Grand Army of the Republic who have gone before and who are here today is the heroism of the unselfish boy, the unknown soldier, on our battle fronts this afternoon—his life, his service inspired by the gallantry and the bravery of this army that is with us in spirit and body this afternoon.

But, friends, there is another part of that foundation of the house where they are living, and that is the foundation that was laid by the service they rendered in the time of peace. I am thinking of those men coming back; I am thinking of them gladly assuming the responsibility of citizenship. Even after the war was over they have given us a marvelous country, a nation with a glorious history and the promise of a wonderful future, because they not only fought the battles on the battlefield but they carried the load for some that

might have been inclined to have shirked duty in public office. As a private citizen, as a business or professional man, these men did not hold back.

As I go over the history of Polk County, Iowa, as I study the history of other counties of Iowa, as well as other States, I find that the man with the little bronze button served, and he served well. You find him an officer of just a little hamlet, you may find him upon the board of the schools of the little country district, you may find him in the county offices, in the State, in our Nation, and even in the Presidential chair. They never shirked their duty. They were soldiers all the way through, and that service as a humble citizen has been and will ever be an inspiration to the boys in the school, the girls in the school, in our colleges. As they grow to manhood and womanhood there is that ideal of service at all times and in all places.

But that house built upon service, both military and civilian, had a structure of American ideals for its walls, an idealism which in justice and sober thought has survived in our day. For on those walls of idealism, and part of the mortar of which they are made, is a picture that we can never forget. These men of blue built great industries; and walking down the streets of a great nation we remember the scenes of the laborer and the so-called capitalist walking arm in arm—for that is the way we made a great America.

But, my friends, these men have certainly left us a heritage, and they have left us a challenge of faith in one another, if you would build a great nation for a great people.

An then, friends, there were those humble scenes that literally made America great; greater than our industries and capital, greater than anything else, has been the spirit of America around the home, the home town, the church, and the school. For these men were not content with a beautiful capitol, they were not content with money in the bank, but the center of their affection was always in the home and the home town and its needs.

But also covering that house where they dwell today is a roof that is made up of the ideals of liberty, life, the pursuit of happiness, equality, and justice for all men and all women at all times; and as those men considered no price too great to pay to keep the Stars and Stripes afloat above the Nation in the time of war, neither did they consider it too great a price when they were asked to give themselves in service to keep it afloat in the time of peace. And when wars again threatened the Nation, so well had they built those principles of life and liberty and justice and equality into the hearts of their boys that the boys without a murmur carried that message even to the uttermost parts of the world.

And this afternoon we would keep faith with that Grand Army that so well has served; and as we reverently bow here in the memory of those who have passed on even in the last year of the GAR we remember the millions of boys that since that war of the sixties have joined the ranks and clasped the hands of the others that have gone before in service and sacrifice and response to the call of duty.

Yes, you are the Grand Army of the Republic. We welcome you to Des Moines because you do us good. You make us better citizens and better Americans. And we pray that the great Commander in

Chief of all men may richly reward you for what you have given to us. We pause—yes; we kneel—at the shrine of your memory because you live in our hearts as you will live with your God. We thank you for teaching us bravery. We thank you for teaching us heroism. We thank you for giving us the inspiration to service which we hope will never die in America's life.

Father, may we reverently thank you for the Grand Army of the Republic and the service it has given. We thank you for these allied organizations that make it possible for us to collectively worship at the shrine of the memory of their lives and to look in the windows of the house they have built, decorated by their deeds of service and sacrifice, by their ideals and the lessons they have taught us. God bless them and help us to be worthy to be called their sons and to be worthy of the sacrifice their sons and grandsons and granddaughters today are making to give to us life, liberty, and happiness. Amen.

(Music by the St. Paul's choir.)

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Director Fitch, for that very fine service you gave us. Next in the memorial service is a tribute to the deceased members of the Grand Army of the Republic by the affiliated organizations. I ask that there be no applause in the audience while this is going on.

Is Robert M. Rownd, chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, here?

Past Commander in Chief GAY. I have been asked to give a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, and I will do the best I can. We of the Grand Army have been together many and many a day, the days that have passed and have flown away. I want to say to my comrades here that we have been loyal to one another, and I am very glad that they have given me an opportunity to say reverently and honestly that I have done the very best that is within me for my dear comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And to the citizens of your fair city I want to say to you we have come here knowing that we should be received with open arms, and we are going to do the very best we can that when we leave here we may leave with the thoughts that we have done the best for you and you have done the best for us.

Now, I should be very, very much remiss did I not give just a little tribute to this splendid Marine Band. Boys, I love every one of you. You always do a magnificent job, and were it not for your splendid music this day would be incomplete. Without your splendid music we would not have the feeling or the inspiration that you and you alone can give to us. Commander of the Marine Band, I love you. Knowing what you have done for the Grand Army of the Republic and are still doing in carrying on, I say to you "Fare ye well." I thank you.

Chairman LOGAN. For the Relief Corps, Eleanor Stables, national chaplain, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. STABLES. Mr. Chairman, Past Commander in Chief Comrade Gay, Grand Army of the Republic, national officers, distinguished guests, and friends all, as chaplain of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I deem it a great honor and privilege to pay tribute to both the living and the dead of the Grand Army of the Republic, that we may again publicly

proclaim and acknowledge the deep debt of gratitude we owe them.

We who love America and glory in her achievements, reverently bow to those who saved the Union and preserved for us the United States. We are passing through a crucial period. We are at war, and a terrible war, and this particular time calls for the best that is within us in every phase of our lives. America is passing through dark hours, as are the nations of the world.

There is another patriotism than that of war; that is, the patriotism of peace. We of today must teach the citizens of tomorrow the lessons of yesterday. If we will keep true to the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic, America cannot die.

This Constitution they fought to preserve will carry on and our flag ever fly over us.

We have, let us not forget today, many hearts heavy with sorrow. Therefore, with our regard for the dead, let us mingle a tender sympathy for those who mourn for the departed ones that they have lost. And may God bless and comfort every one of them. The Grand Army of the Republic, the Boys in Blue, should inspire every one of us in the United States and may we honor the memory of those men who died for our Republic. We are thankful for their devotion to the cause of patriotism, and may we resolve anew that these men shall not have died in vain.

It is our privilege now to do our part to keep our Government a clean and honorable one, a government of the people and by the people for all time.

The Woman's Relief Corps pays loving tribute of fraternalism and devotion to their beloved order, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the heritage they have so richly given us.

Soldiers rest, the noble flag of freedom
Waves in glory on thy honored graves.
Sweet be thy rest, and peaceful thy slumber.
God's way is best, they are in His keeping;
And somewhere back in the sunset
Where loveliness never dies
They live in the land of glory
Mid the blue, and the gold, and the skies.

Chairman LOGAN. Representing the Ladies of the GAR, National Chaplain Bertha M. Hodgkinson, El Reno, Okla.

Mrs. HODGKINSON. Mr. Chairman, Past Commander in Chief Gay, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, national officers, distinguished guests, and friends, we meet today to commemorate the lives of the soldiers of the Republic who passed to review before the Eternal Commander in this year of our Lord 1944.

Today is ours, but life holds no promise of tomorrow. Since last we met, another year has passed beyond recall. The days and weeks dim wanders from the garden of the Infinite—have crossed the golden bridges of the present and with them many of our comrades have passed into the shadow of the beyond. These blue-clad soldiers are rapidly journeying toward final rest.

It is with sad hearts, but sweet memories, that we bring our offerings of love and God's sweet flowers. At this time we yield to a power greater than love, but we still hold fast to the rosemary of remembrance—the hearty handclasp, the genial smile, the inspiration to cherish and foster the ideals they maintained and labored for.

May faith with understanding lead us ever on where hangs resplendent in the heavens that glorious bow of promise and hope, assuring us that in the dawn of new life in the great beyond we shall meet to part no more.

Let us resolve that these men shall not have lived, nor shall their grandsons die, in vain. Freedom shall abide in America. Today we have with us only a remnant of what was once that vast Grand Army of the Republic. Like the sands on the seashore, carried out by each passing wave, the Grand Army is daily, hourly, passing into eternity. Only too soon the last one will have gone. The camp fire will be out; taps will be sounded; there will be no Grand Army of the Republic, save in memory.

Let us remember these our heroes with reverence, ever appreciating our heritage. May we believe that God has always been in His Heaven. We who believe can say with Lowell:

Behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above His own.

There are no growing ranks from which recruits can be drawn into the Grand Army of the Republic. With the consummation of peace through victory its ranks were closed forever. The gaps in the picket lines grow wider every day, details are made for the reserve summoned into shadowy regions, until by and by only a solitary sentinel will stand guard, waiting until the bugle call from beyond shall muster out the last comrade.

The greatest lesson which we learned from the patriotic Grand Army was the value of unity. Their efforts gave us a free and united country. The patriotism of that group should be an inspiration to the men of today, whether fighting in the armed forces or engaged in speeding the production line. Today the son and grandson, and even great grandsons of the Boys in Blue and Gray touch elbows. They are fighting together instead of apart.

We extend our sympathy and mingle our tears with those who have been bereft and are today grieving for those who have met the boatman that came to transport them to the great reunion beyond the river, and are now quartered on "Fame's eternal camping ground." How terribly we are going to miss them, for their presence was ever a benediction.

Peace and honor to the sacred memory of our departed loved ones, and may the flag for which they fought ever wave over the silent dust of each patriot's grave.

They kept the stars in a field of blue,
They held the States to allegiance true,
To them the Nation's debt is due,
And the Nation must never forget.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, National Chaplain Hodgkinson. Representing the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Chaplain Bernice Hecht, Elkhart, Ind.

Mrs. HECHT. Today the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War pay loving tribute to our fathers, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have passed on to join ranks with their comrades in that external camping ground. Words are inadequate to express the love and devotion the Daughters have for their fathers who left their homes and loved ones when our Nation was in peril, and through

whose sacrifices we are all able to enjoy the freedom and privilege we do today. May the world never forget the heroic deeds and sacrifices of the Grand Army of the Republic. We, their Daughters, are justly proud of that wonderful and priceless heritage that has come to us through our fathers, and we pledge to them that we will forever keep alive their memory and will strive to carry on the work they have left us to do, and will remain true to the principles for which they fought.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, National Chaplain Hecht. Representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Chaplain Luther W. Childs, Centerville, Iowa.

Mr. CHILDS. Past Commander in Chief Gay of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mr. Chairman, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all allied organizations, and friends, you are looking toward and listening to one who is a grandson of a comrade who fought to preserve the Republic. Many years ago we learned a few lines in a verse of poetry, the latter line of which reads something like this, "what might have been."

As we reflect back over the past and think what might have been, back in the days of Abraham Lincoln when this Nation was on the very verge of being segregated and separated and divided up, as many other nations and countries of the world have been divided, and then we think of the great conflict of the present hour, had this Nation been divided and had it not been for the service, the sacrifice, the suffering on the part of you comrades and your brothers who have preceded you, whose memories we come to respect and revere at this service this afternoon, we would have been an easy victim of the enemy who seeks to rule and dominate the world.

But I thank God today for the Grand Army of the Republic, for the few remaining members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I pledge my allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic as a grandson that when the last one of you has answered the roll call and has gone to your long home "from whose bourne no traveler returns," that as long as God gives me life and grace and strength we expect to carry on and cherish the memory of the greatest army that ever walked on the footstool of Almighty God. We thank you.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, National Chaplain Childs. Representing the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Chaplain Minnie M. O'Harrow, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. O'HARROW. We are here today to pay tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, to the men who fought and died in the cause of freedom. They have passed on, but they have left within us all the desire to be free.

Thus it is our spiritual inheritance which causes our soldiers to battle so nobly for freedom in all corners of the earth today; they are keeping faith with the heroes of yesterday.

Had there been no seeds of democracy planted in the past, there would be no heroes to carry on now.

There is no possible doubt of the journey's end.

To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

With these flowers we hallow the memory of those brave men who died for freedom so long ago.

(Selection by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. Benediction by Rev. Gordon V. Smith, rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Rev. Mr. SMITH. May we all stand, please. The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

(Taps by the United States Marine Band.) (4:07 p. m.)

SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING HELD IN THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM, DES MOINES, IOWA, MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1944, 8 P. M.

Gen. Guy E. Logan, chairman, committee on arrangements, presiding.

(Music by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. Please all rise. We will have the invocation at this time by the Rev. L. K. Bishop, pastor of the Central Church of Christ.

Rev. Mr. BISHOP. Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we pray. Thanks be unto God for patriots' dreams, for patriots' lives, for a land that has been given to us in which brotherhood, liberty, and good neighborliness are the pattern of life.

We thank Thee, our Father, for these whom we honor and for their comrades living and gone who have carved from the rough and formative land a nation which we, their sons and daughters, must be humbled to inherit. Grant to us a worthiness to receive it, the ability to improve it, and a desire to make it worthy of their lives and their dreams.

In the name of the great Father under whose banner this Nation was founded, the Father whose faith was instilled in the hearts of our fathers, we ask Thy blessing on us in this day of desperation that we may be humble, faithful, able, and true. Hear us, O God, as we pray, Thy children, one nation under God. Amen.

Chairman LOGAN. We will now have a selection by the Shrine chanters, Prof. Bill Austin, director.

(Za-Ga-Zig Temple chanters sang Sing for Za-Ga-Zig, Stout Hearted Men, Moonlight and Roses, and Thanks Be to God, receiving hearty applause.)

Chairman LOGAN. We people of Des Moines and Iowa know that we select servicemen to fill our great positions in city and State, but some of you who are not from Iowa may not. I want you to know that the Governor of this State served his country during the last World War and even wanted to get into this World War, but they wouldn't take him. We are going to have an address of welcome by the Hon. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Iowa, at this time.

Governor HICKENLOOPER. Thank you, General Logan. Commander in Chief Jones and your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the allied organizations, guests from out of the State of Iowa, and friends from Iowa; to merely say to you that we welcome you here to Iowa for this national encampment would be by far an understatement. We not alone welcome you, we glory in our good fortune in the privilege of having you here, in the privilege of extending the State of Iowa to this great group.

There is represented here tonight with you, Mr. Commander in Chief, and with the others who are here in this room, the living representatives of participants in four great wars that have been essential in the upward progress of American free advancement. And likewise with that representation runs down from 1861 to the present time the stirring spirit of independent determination that has always made men in this country, and women too, go out and sacrifice that their children may have a better place to live, communities of better opportunity and homes of greater comfort.

And as these lads of this country go out to battle and conquer the assaulter and the destroyer who would conquer, they carry with them the lessons that have been instilled into the succeeding generations since that great conflict—the lessons that the GAR have given to succeeding generations not only by word of mouth but by example and community leadership, and always in the forefront of things that would defend their beloved country. They have passed it on to succeeding generations, and we can do no less than carry on that tradition of Americanism that they have written so deeply into the annals of our Nation.

They are interested in this war, they were interested in the last war, they were interested in the Spanish-American War, but not just as a war. They were interested as guardians of their country's destiny. And they sit here tonight, few in numbers, but stronger in spirit than ever before, as living symbols that will always march before the eyes of American patriots when the question of American liberty is threatened or in danger.

Their sons and their daughters, their wives and their descendants are carrying on their traditions magnificently in peace as well as in war. They and their posterity, meaning you and all the other people of this country, all of the other free Americans, are the army that they have led and that their spirit will continue to lead.

It is for those reasons—of course there are countless other reasons of sentiment and memory—that it gives me great honor tonight and the days that follow to not only welcome you to the State of Iowa but to open our hearts to you. And I assure you tonight and while you are here that the heart of every citizen of Iowa beats more strongly and proudly because of the leadership you have given and the inspiration that you have provided.

Welcome tonight, welcome 6 years ago, welcome again whenever you may elect to come back to the State of Iowa and give us the privilege of honoring you, your traditions, and your paramount American spirit. Thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. I told you we believed in having service men to serve us in this State. We also believe that in our city of Des Moines, and I am sure that the great representative of this city, who also served his country in the last World War, is happy to have this kind of an organization within the bounds of his government. I want to introduce at this time Hon. John MacVicar, mayor of the city of Des Moines, who will address us at this time.

Mayor MACVICAR. Mr. Chairman, delegates to this convention, delegates to the Seventy-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sixty-second National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Fifty-eighth National Convention of the Ladies of

the Grand Army of the Republic, the Fifty-fourth National Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sixty-third National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Fifty-eighth National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, what a wonderful record for a wonderful group of patriotic American organizations.

As mayor of the city of Des Moines it is my pleasant privilege on behalf of the citizens of Des Moines to bid you a most cordial welcome to our city. Our gates always open wide for the reception of American soldiers and their affiliated organizations.

Four score and three years ago there was placed in the hands of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic the greatest responsibility ever bestowed upon mankind—the preservation of the Union and the forging of these States into an indivisible Nation. If you had failed in that responsibility the face of the earth would be entirely different today.

This convention will impress the younger generation with a new vision of the glory of true American citizenship. You have guarded jealously the creed of American citizenship as formed by Abraham Lincoln. The effect of General Grant's service will continue as long as we have liberty and free government as a guarantee of good citizenship.

May you proceed with the business of your encampment with the consciousness of the importance of your duties to our fellowmen, with renewed faith in democracy, and a determination to perform your full duties, that the principles upon which our Government was founded may find realization in the work of your convention. [Applause.]

(The Shrine Chanters then favored the audience with additional numbers, receiving hearty applause.)

Chairman LOGAN. Professor Bill, in behalf of our committee I want to thank each and every member of the Chanters for giving us this fine help in this program tonight.

Now you know how the city of Des Moines and the State of Iowa feel with respect to the great honor that is due to your organization and the manner that we appreciate it. The response to these addresses of welcome will be made by your great Commander in Chief Comrade George H. Jones.

Commander in Chief JONES. Comrades, fellow citizens all of the State of Iowa, in behalf of the Grand Army I welcome you to this celebration. It is a glorious time, one of the proudest times in my life, to be able to stand before you the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you for all that you have done for me, for everything that has been done has been done free-hearted. It is a glorious time and I thank you all for the privilege of being here. I thank the Lord that I am able to be here with you. I hope it will be long remembered by you. It will for me at least, for many, many days. I thank you all. [Applause.]

(Music by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Captain. I doubt if this great organization of the Grand Army of the Republic would have been able to exist this long had it not been for the loyal support which has been given them by the auxiliaries and affiliated organizations that have

supported them. And now we are going to have a word of greeting from the presidents of these organizations, and the first is the Woman's Relief Corps, Anna Anschutz, national president.

Mrs. ANSCHUTZ. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief, Your Excellency Governor Hickenlooper, Honorable Mayor, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, distinguished guests, and friends; I feel that a great privilege has come to me tonight by being permitted to extend the greetings of the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, to the commander in chief and his comrades. Coming back to the city of Des Moines, Iowa, for the fifth time indicates the gracious hospitality that was extended on previous occasions.

I want to sincerely thank the State and city officials for the warm welcome we have already received, and the splendid convention committee for the many courtesies for our comfort.

It is the thrill of a lifetime to bring the greetings of the 80,000 members of the Woman's Relief Corps, the chosen auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. They are the loyal women of this country and they have proven their loyalty. Since September 1942 our members and their friends have contributed \$120,000 toward the blood plasma project in memory of our Grand Army of the Republic. We have also made a substantial net gain in our membership. All this in honor and reverence for our Grand Army of the Republic. The comrades have been our inspiration and we are always ready to carry on the ideals and principles they set for us 62 years ago. How many times have we heard the comrades say, "Carry on." Tonight we would rededicate ourselves to safeguard the trust placed in our keeping. Rest assured, comrades, that trust will never be betrayed.

When God spares our comrades another year we count them as precious jewels. May God bless and keep them.

Commander in chief, it is my pleasure tonight to bring to you the loving greeting of your Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and with the love of every one of them I bring to you this check for \$1,000 as a token of our love and affection for you. Accept this in the name of the Woman's Relief Corps. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. I now have the honor of presenting the national president of the Ladies of the GAR, Theo. C. Redfern.

Mrs. REDFERN. Mr. Chairman, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and your comrades, His Excellency the Governor, his honor the mayor, the national heads of the allied organizations, members, and friends assembled here, I am standing before you as national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Its name in itself tells you just who we are, the blood-kin of the Grand Army of the Republic. Each organization has outstanding things of which they are justly proud, and that is one of the things that my organization is proud of—its blood-kinship to these veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I want to bring the greetings of the national organization and of its members to the Grand Army of the Republic and to pledge to them anew our interest and our continued idea of carrying on their work forever and ever.

In the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic which my organization so proudly bears, it is my privilege, and a

happy privilege, to present to the commander in chief for the Grand Army of the Republic a check for \$1,000 from this organization, with the hopes that they may live long, long to enjoy it and to carry on their work with the assistance of its allied organizations. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you. Now we are going to have a word of greeting from those that we know are as close or closer than anyone else, and that is the Daughters. We are going to have a word of greeting by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War by the national president, Ora Cox.

Miss Cox. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commander in Chief, and your comrades, Your Excellency the Governor of the great State of Iowa, your honor the mayor of the city of Des Moines, United States Marine Band, allied heads, distinguished guests, and friends. It certainly is a happy privilege to come and stand before you this evening and bring greetings from my organization, every one of whom is a lineal descendant of a Union veteran of the Civil War, something of which we are justly proud.

I have appreciated the words of our Governor and our mayor, the music of the Shriners, and what would an encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations be without the presence of the United States Marine Band. [Applause.]

We are bringing tonight to the Grand Army of the Republic our loving greetings, and I wish in behalf of all of the Daughters throughout the length and breadth of this land to present to you tonight, Comrade Jones, a check for \$1,000 [applause] for your general fund, and if you need more call upon us and we will furnish it for you; and a check for \$400 for your Southern Memorial Fund. [Applause.]

And to you, Comrade Jones, as a love gift from your Daughters—you know this is a personal gift. It is really filled with something you cannot see. It is more than filled. It is brimming over with love from every Daughter throughout the United States. We hope you enjoy that. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you. Now we are going to hear from that loyal group to these old comrades of ours, the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic that have passed on, but this organization is still loyal to their memory—the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. C. LeRoy Stoudt, commander in chief.

Commander in Chief STOUT. General Logan, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, distinguished guests, and fellow Americans, I don't know what there is for me to say. The ladies preceding me expressed our appreciation for the many courtesies you people have extended to us, and they have expressed our love to the Grand Army; so I don't know what there is left for me.

But I would like to pass on to you a little story that I like to tell, because I think it could have been told during the services and sacrifices of these grand old men linked to our Nation years ago just as it is being told of our boys doing the same thing. It concerned an Army chaplain located in a far off Pacific isle. He was having a service this evening for the members of his flock, and this chaplain was forthright in his appeal.

During the service he exclaimed: "All those who want to go to Heaven stand up," and the boys stood up except one chap down here

in the front row. Well, the chaplain didn't expect this, but of course he was equal to the occasion. So as soon as the boys sat down he said: "All those that want to go to hell stand up." But the boy still remained seated. The chaplain was perplexed. He decided to talk on a more personal plane. So he said: "Private Jones, when I asked all those who wanted to go to Heaven to rise you remained seated. When I asked all those who wanted to go to hell to stand up, you again remained seated. Where do you want to go?" Private Jones didn't hesitate a moment. He said, "I want to go home." [Applause.] I cannot help but think that many of our boys of '61 to '65 felt the same way.

And likewise I cannot help thinking that the thousands and thousands of dollars that you ladies of our organizations have contributed thus far to the blood plasma fund are going to bring home many boys who would not otherwise come home. [Applause.]

In closing I would like to pass on to you another little story that I have enjoyed. I know many of you have heard it. It also concerns a boy of this war. He went to his induction board and took his medical examination and passed that splendidly with the exception of his teeth. So he was sent home to have his teeth fixed up and then reported back for induction. The officer said, "Go in that room and strip." The boy said, "I have had my examination and there was nothing wrong with me except my teeth and they have been fixed." The inspecting officer became quite angry. He said: "Listen! One of the things in this Army you have got to learn is that you take orders and don't give them. Go in there and strip." So the boy went in and stripped, and everybody in there was stripped. All the while the boy was complaining and kicking about the fact that he had to do this all over again. Finally a red-headed man over in the corner piped up and said "What are you griping about? I only came here to deliver a telegram." [Laughter.]

The lovely ladies who have just preceded me each gave you a check for a thousand dollars. But you can readily see that I am only half as old as they, so you would not expect me to give you a thousand dollars I am sure, and I am not going to. I won't disappoint you. But we are happy, Commander in Chief Jones, to present to you in behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this check for \$500, and with it goes the respect and the admiration for you and your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. The Sons of Veterans think they are quite cocky, but they have commanding officers. Now we are going to hear from their commanding officer, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the national president, Maude B. Warren.

Mrs. WARREN. Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, your honor, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander in Chief Jones, allied national heads, I am going to recognize the band also [applause] and all the people out in front:

You just look beautiful, with all the sea of faces. We are so glad to be here and to see you all. To many of you it may be that Commander in Chief Jones is nearly a stranger. Commander in Chief Jones comes from Maine and I come from Massachusetts, and to us of New England he is no stranger. During the years long ago many of us visited from one State to the other in New England at the time

of their conventions, and for many years I visited in Maine and always met Comrade Jones. He has shown through the years how patriotic and what a grand gentleman he was—always attending anything in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. Therefore when he was selected commander in chief we of New England were very proud and so happy that I had the very great privilege of serving as national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans during the year in which he was commander in chief.

As an auxiliary we walk hand in hand with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Therefore we try to do whatever they would like us to do and to assist them in their work aside from other projects we may have. In accordance with that this year it has been my privilege to have the honor for the members of our organization to raise a fund to present as a love gift to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Therefore I present to Commander in Chief George H. Jones, of Maine, a check of \$500. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Commander. Now we are going to have a response to these wonderful greetings that the organizations have given to the Grand Army of the Republic by a past commander in chief of that great organization, Commander George A. Gay.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Master of Ceremonies and my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and this fine audience before me, not only have I myself been very much enthused since we came into your fair city, but I want to thank you for the cordiality that you have given to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Six years ago I was in your fair city, and in the very short time that I have been with you I have seen a great improvement in your city, and I am going to say for this Grand Army of the Republic that we are glad that we are with you. But in all probability it will be the last time that you will see this organization of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To me it is very pathetic because, of course, time flies away like the wind, and we grow old every day. But we have to arrive at such a stage before we realize it; and to me it is indeed pathetic.

But you know we are told Biblically that the allotted time of life is 3 score years and 10, but if by reason of strength we go on a little further all is vanity. And so these comrades that have been so dear to me have passed on beyond this vale of tears and they are over in the fairer land. There is only a veil between them and us. We cannot see them but by and by I and my comrades will pierce that veil and we shall be at rest with them.

As I said before, it is indeed pathetic. I used to look upon this matter of death—that they call death, but there is no death. Those that have gone before, they live, they march beside us, they tell us things that are true.

Why dream of poppied sod,
When we can feel their breath?
When flower and soul
And God knows
There is no death.

Those that have been left behind are approaching the hill of time, weary feet and tired, and the Lord has called them home to rest. And what a blessing it is. I used to think in my younger life that death was

a terrible thing, but looking over the whole situation, and what appears to man as he grows older—we will suppose, for instance, that you and I, every one of us, had a disease that was painful and there was no way of getting rid of it, don't you think that death would be a relief if we had to stay on here and suffer with an ailment that we never could get rid of.

There is a bright side of life, even in death. There will be peace, there will be joy, and we shall be with our brothers and our comrades over beyond this vale of tears. I thank you.

Chairman LOGAN. I think we have had a wonderful night here tonight and I am sure all of you do. We have, I think, imposed upon our great music organization, the greatest in the world, and I am not going to impose any more. I am going to ask the captain if he will play "America" and I am going to ask all of you to stand and remain standing after the piece of music is played until we have the benediction.

(America, by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. The benediction will now be pronounced by the Rev. John Higgins, of Dowling College.

Father HIGGINS. May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, descend upon you and remain with you forever.

Chairman LOGAN. We are dismissed. (10:05 p. m.)

CAMPFIRE HELD IN THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM, DES
MOINES, IOWA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER
13, 1944, 8 O'CLOCK

Arthur H. Brayton, secretary committee on arrangements, presiding.

(Music by the United States Marine Band, Capt. Wm. F. Santelmann, leader.)

Chairman BRAYTON. We will now have the invocation by Rabbi Louis Joseph Cashdan, of Des Moines.

Rabbi CASHDAN. Eternal is Thy power O Lord. Thou art mighty to save. In loving kindness Thou sustainest the living. In the multitude of Thy mercies Thou preservest all.

We thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, for the life and the deeds of the men whom we honor this evening. Their valor on the field of battle was exceeded only by the ardor with which they pursued the noble art of peace. Out of their strife, out of their contention, there was forged a unity of spirit in our beloved country which has enabled us to meet the successive crises of history with a united voice and with united strength. Owing to their endeavors, we remain one nation indivisible with the ideal of liberty and justice for all. Now we are engaged in a world-wide conflict to preserve the way of life which these warriors assured for themselves and for their descendants.

Give us, O Lord, the wisdom and the discernment to understand that we too can transform erstwhile enemies into friends—and that from the war between the States of the world, there can emerge the enduring vision of the Federated Nations of the World.

We ask Thy blessing, O merciful Father, upon the veterans here assembled, and upon all those who are giving of themselves in the cause of human justice and freedom. Thou, who hast strengthened us in tribulation, guide us now as we approach the hour of triumph. May the strength we have gained in battle be dedicated to the task which Thou hast given us—to establish the reign of peace and love upon earth. Amen.

(Star-Spangled Banner by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman BRAYTON. Ladies and gentlemen, the Campfire of the Grand Army of the Republic is a ceremony which is held every year at the time of the national encampment. Des Moines is very fortunate in having participated in four of these campfires, and nearly all of them have been held in this building—at least the last three. And so tonight we are very happy to welcome you so that you may join in the fellowship of the comrades of the days of '61 to '65. I can assure you that they are going to have some very interesting reminiscences for you a little bit later in the program.

In common with the streamlined tendencies of the day and the idea of expediting everything in thoroughly military manner we are

very fortunate to have as our speaker this evening a general who is one of Iowa's and the country's most distinguished citizens, surgeons and soldiers. He is a native of Pottawattamie County on the western borders of our fair State, having been born in Council Bluffs. He has been surgeon for the Union Pacific, the Wabash and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroads. He served in the Philippine campaign of 1898-1899 and was commander of the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry in the famous Forty-second Division in the first World War under General MacArthur, who is a close and intimate friend of our speaker. Our speaker tonight is a modest appearing man, but on his breast he has the privilege to wear such orders as the Croix de Guerre, the Legion of Honor, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Philippine Congressional Medal. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, but best of all he is also a fellow Iowan, and I am very happy to present to you now our friend and comrade, General Mathew A. Tinley, commanding general of the Iowa State Guard. General Tinley. [Applause.]

General TINLEY. Thank you, Mr. Master of Ceremonies, and thank you my audience for the gracious reception. I want to say to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic it is a privilege to appear before them and their auxiliaries tonight on this seventy-eight anniversary, to appear before them at this their fifth time in our glorious state.

We have had a little sunshine, we have had some rain. Iowa serves these things just to be in harmony with the spirit of a reunion—slight drops of rain as a memorial to those who have gone; sunshine, the happiness that we know that the gang is still with us, that God has been good to them.

For the third time since your muster-out you have seen your country, the land that you preserved and saved, in the throes of war, and this time the most strenuous. The men of these last three wars have been enlisted for the duration. Your service and the service of your comrades has been for time and eternity.

To you gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic this is the seventy-eighth annual reunion. To the 78 years must be added 5 or 6 years covering the duration of the war and the time that elapsed before the reunions were started. For 78 years you have been renewing old friendships, you have relived experiences never to be forgotten, you have recalled the tragic hours, but through it all you have in memory lived the joyous moments that come in the lives of every soldier.

This country of ours came into being because of man's natural desire to govern himself. In the language of today, man in his private life and in his business, had a desire for self-expression, for personal development along the lines that gave the greatest promise of the most joy and satisfaction. So in the early days of America scattered groups founded settlements along the eastern seaboard, from the rock-bound coast of Maine to the sunny shores of Florida.

At an early period it became apparent there must be united action on the part of the various communities to work for the greatest good for the greatest number. Selfish motives of man had to be curbed. Some restrictions had to be placed, even in this land of freedom. They were a new people founding a new nation. Very early they realized

the necessity of having for themselves a banner, a flag that represented the high ideals and the aspirations that were theirs. And the American flag came into being.

In the early days men stood ready to fight for those ideals and the War of the Revolution was fought to throw off the shackles of an inconsiderate mother nation. Our forefathers then drew up a Bill of Rights safeguarding the privileges attained through the efforts of the War of the Revolution. They also stated in the document they drew up that all men are created free and equal, and in the Bill of Rights they guaranteed life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In a very few years following the Revolution it became apparent that there was some mockery in the Constitution that was drawn up by the forefathers of our country. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in a country half slave and half free men? The natural thought was that this was a free country and we as citizens of this country had a right to self-expression and a right to live our lives in our own way. There was a difference of opinion and the War of the Rebellion was fought. Your marching columns of soldiery took to field and fought for the security of America and to prevent dissolution of our Government.

It was brother against brother; it was the brave man of the North against the brave man of the South, making this war one of the most bitter that was ever fought. We were all, both North and South, men of the same iron will. It was on the fields of battle of this conflict that your organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, was born. From the very inception of the Grand Army of the Republic there was instituted in America a service to safeguard the rights of the American citizen guaranteed in the Constitution of our country.

During the days when the men of your organization were in the full vigor of youth, there was seldom an attempt made by the legislators of our country to deviate in the slightest from the dictates of that instrument. When there was any questionable legislation brought before them, the first question asked was, "How will this be received by the veterans of the Civil War?" They were never kept long in doubt as to the opinion of you men, of your comrades.

Younger generations in America for many years followed with awe and pride the ceremonies of memorial and the ceremonies of glory enacted by your organization. In the firmness of your tread and the glint in your eye, they learned that in the breast of every veteran there was a secret that could be only learned by passing through the same fire of trial. By your service you had purchased an equity in the flag of our country and had learned the lesson that your duty was to safeguard the guaranteed beauty and sacred promises made by that flag.

Fancy dictates to me that the silken banner that represents the American people is made up of threads—one for each individual who exists today, and one for every individual that has ever existed under the folds of her protecting arms. Some of those threads are gnarled, knotted, and broken, but as the naked eye has difficulty seeing the broken threads, it is very apparent there have been few cases of treachery on the part of American citizens.

There is a thread in that flag for Benedict Arnold. His history in the early days was brilliant and wonderful; the brilliance of his

thread had the same sheen as the thread of a Colin P. Kelly, of an Eisenhower, or a MacArthur. Then it became snarled and knotted and finally snapped. It did not go the full breadth of the flag. He was a traitor. Some personal ambition was not gratified; some slight was put upon him; he had a feeling of injustice—and he betrayed his country.

I believe, I firmly believe, all Americans are patriotic. Some are not in accord with our views. They have allowed indifference to lead them to be unaware of the world situation about them. They are to be pitied; they are to be helped, as a child in crossing a street. They are not to be criticised; they are to be trained and educated to the duty to the land of their birth or their adoption. Through the past 78 years your organization has put forth a valiant effort in the training of your fellowman. By the example of your lives and by the ready expression given at the slightest evidence of unpatriotic conduct, has done much to create the America of today.

We read with pride the accomplishments of our armies today upon the field of battle. We are inclined to think that in this machine age war must be more horrible than it was in the years gone by. In your day the contact was made by fast moving cavalry. Men in your secret service risked their lives passing through the lines of the enemy. Today the youth of America goes through the atmosphere above in planes with power almost undreamed of, to obtain information and to batter the enemy.

Massive tanks, steel monsters, replace the cavalry of old, but the hard, gruelling fighting is still done as it was in the ways of the Civil War; the man on foot with his rifle, with his bayonet, and with his bare hands. Your service compared most favorably with the service the most outstanding divisions of all wars fought since your day.

I stated at the beginning, your service is for time and eternity. For time—and that is a measure of quality—you served while marching the streets of our community, while talking to us on all patriotic occasions, and by every example of patriotic conduct. But in the hallowed spot of God's acre where there are mustered the divisions and armies that have gone before, the markers still preach the sermon:

Be loyal to America, the stern eye of the men of the Grand Army is upon you looking back from the grave, looking down upon you from the ranks that are again mobilized in the great Hereafter that is prepared for you.

Now in the twilight of life, when the rear guard of the Grand Army of the Republic stands valiantly guarding the same principles set forth by your organization, we Americans respect that rear guard and upon you and yours we ask God's blessing, and to you and yours and the ones who have gone we give an appreciation of a most grateful Nation.

Gentlemen of the Grand Army, I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman BRAYTON. Thank you, General, for those inspiring and appropriate remarks.

I want you all to know how cooperative every one in Des Moines has been in connection with the seventy-eighth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are indebted to so many people. We are indebted to you people who have come out this evening. We are indebted to many organizations and many individuals who have

helped to make this program for the comrades who have come to Des Moines for the fifth time as one that is both inspiring, informative and interesting. Now tonight we are to be favored by a fine musical organization that has graciously consented to be with us for several selections. It is a great pleasure to present them to you, the male chorus of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church under the direction of Mrs. Ulrica Chrisman.

(The chorus sang arrangements of the Twenty-third Psalm and the Lord's Prayer.)

(Selections by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman BRAYTON. Some band, isn't it? [Applause.] One of the few advantages that I could ever see in living in Washington would be that they would be around all the time. We are glad that the Grand Army came to Des Moines so we could have the Marine Band.

The spirit and tempo, ladies and gentlemen, of this campfire this evening is one of gaiety, because sitting around the campfire the Boys in Blue did not always feel so gay, but they made themselves sing and talk of pleasant things. The next number on the program is "Reminiscences."

First, I must tell you that we had an interesting occurrence when an old school friend of mine, a captain in the Marines, came to Des Moines about a year ago to be in charge of Marine recruiting. He was studying a map of Iowa and discovered to his amazement that there were two towns in Iowa which have to do with Marine Hymn which you have just heard. He found that there was a Tripoli in Iowa and also a Montezuma—one in Bremer County and the other in Poweshiek. He was so interested that he arranged to visit both of these towns while he was in Iowa. So that just shows that "of all that is good Iowa affords the best."

Now reminiscences can be construed in various ways. I remember having the privilege of presiding at the meeting six years ago and having a lot of fun. I know that you are going to enjoy the reminiscences tonight. They are going to be brief, they will probably be to the point, and they may put a lump in your throat. But that is the order of the day. We will go from comedy to tragedy, and from drama to pathos, and run the whole gamut of the scale of emotions. But whatever it is, we are not going to bore you. We can assure you that.

As a matter of fact we do not do that in meetings any more. The trouble with too many meetings in the past was that they were a good deal like the statement of a young lady who was sitting at the edge of a swimming pool one hot afternoon, and she dropped her bracelet in the deep end. She looked in one direction and there were a number of young men in bathing suits. She could very easily have asked one of them to retrieve the jeweled bauble for her. Instead of that she turned to an elderly professor who was sitting near dressed in a business suit with high-topped shoes, a hard-boiled shirt, and a stiff hat and asked him if he would get her bracelet. He said, "My dear young lady, I would be glad to get your bracelet for you, but why not ask one of your friends who is much more suitably attired than I am?" "No, professor," she said, "I want you to get my bracelet because I have been in your classes and heard you talk, and I know that you can go down deeper, and stay under longer, and come up dryer than anybody I ever saw." [Applause.]

There is none of that tonight. Nobody is going down deep, or stay under very long, or come up very dry. We have on this rostrum one of the grandest groups that you ever saw, gentlemen who are in most cases I would say a darn sight better than 99.44 percent of this audience, because their average age is just about 99.44 and that is almost perfection. I defy almost anybody here to do the job that these comrades have done.

Who will be the first to greet us and reminisce to his heart's content for as little or as long as he wishes? Our own Commander in Chief George H. Jones, who has come from the Pine Tree State, the State of Maine, to the Tall Corn State of Iowa, and I am very proud and happy to present him to you. Commander in Chief Jones.

Commander in Chief JONES. I am glad to be in Iowa. It is a wonderful State and a beautiful city. This is a very hospitable community. I have enjoyed being here and I have enjoyed the whole thing, although I have been a little under the weather. Still I enjoy to be with you. It is a wonderful time.

Chairman BRAYTON. This is Comrade Lansing Wilcox from the neighboring State of Wisconsin.

Comrade WILCOX. I will try and render to you a little poem that I learned before I was twelve years old. It is called The Baron's Last Banquet. [Reciting the poem.] [Applause.]

Chairman BRAYTON. Here is Comrade Lyman Butterfield, of Manchester, N. H.

Comrade BUTTERFIELD. I wish to thank you one and all, the citizens of this city, for the nice way you have used us. I have been to a great many conventions, but I think this is about the best one, though we haven't got a great many of the boys here. I congratulate the Marine Band, and I bring you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Chairman BRAYTON. This is Comrade Shumate, Jr., vice commander in chief, from Lincoln's town, Springfield, Ill.

Comrade SHUMATE. Mr. Chairman, members of the Grand Army, and the band, what I am going to say I am going to be very brief about. I will tell you a story on a preacher and I am through. Some fellows get up and talk for an hour and they don't say anything. A preacher is a peculiar kind of a chap. I know two good stories on preachers, and I am going to tell you one. This preacher concluded that he would go over in another town and hold a series of meetings. He was a stranger in that town, and he met a boy on the street and asked him where the postoffice was. The boy said, "Just go down the street for a block, then turn to your right and go half a block and you will be at the postoffice." The preacher said, "I have got a lot of letters I want to mail. I want to get the postoffice located so I won't have any trouble." He went down and mailed his letters, and coming back he saw the same boy and said to him, "Do you ever go to church?" And the boy said, "Nope, never go to church." The preacher said, "I am going to hold a series of meetings over there in that building and if you come over there tonight I will teach you the way to Heaven." The boy said, "Teach me to go to a place like that and you didn't even know the way to the postoffice." [Laughter.]

Chairman BRAYTON. That was Comrade Hiram Shumate of Illinois. Here is a comrade who was born in the Green Mountain State of

Vermont, raised in the Badger State of Wisconsin, and who has lived for the last 35 years in Salt Lake City. He is senior aide de camp. Comrade Ira Stormes, the only veteran in the State of Utah.

Comrade STORMES. Hello. How are you? I hope you have a good time the same as I do. I am enjoying myself. Goodbye and good night.

Chairman BRAYTON. I asked Comrade Stormes how old he was, and he said, "Ninety-nine years without any feathers." Next is Comrade Isaac Sharp, from the Hoosier State, Indiana.

Comrade SHARP. I don't know what to say. I bid you welcome, glad to meet you, and hope we all meet next year. We are having a fine time this year. We have never had a better parade in our history than we had today. We are proud of it, although we didn't have so many out. I don't want to tell any stories tonight. There have been enough told now.

Comrade MARTIN J. WARNER, of Michigan. Now I am going to call the roll of Company A, Seventeenth Illinois, which I did for two years and a half:

Andrews first, Andrews second, Andrews third, Andrews fourth, Abbott, Arnold, Blissman, Boltman, Bariball, Bederman, Boneer, Bankert, Bond first, Bond second, Cavanaugh, Calkins, Dewberry, Decker, Dunn, Dunavan, Dissler, Earle, Fry, Grumbine, Hoagland, Haines, Hax, Kethlin, Ketcham, Kurasser, Land, Lott, Lyon, Ladstrum, McCahey, McMaster, Morgan, Miner, Morris, Price, Rippey, Ryan, Rutby, Redder, Rake, Robinson, Rhinehart, Sharlow, Smith first, Smith second, Scott, Sanger, Towers, Voltman, Weikle, Warner, Wernicke first, Wernicke second, Walker, Wenkland, Young. [Applause.]

Chairman BRAYTON. There is a roll call, folks, that will live forever. Here is Comrade Penland, all the way from Portland, Oreg., 100 next January.

(Comrade T. A. Penland then sang Grandfather's Clock, which greatly pleased the audience.)

Chairman BRAYTON. You can't beat the Grand Army. Every one of these comrades has found it a joy to come to Des Moines because of our central location and excellent hospitality. I know that you agree with me on that. I know you will be interested and delighted with another selection or two from the Highland Park Male Chorus, with Mrs. Chrisman at the piano.

(Selections by the Highland Park Presbyterian Church Male Chorus.)

Chairman BRAYTON. Thany you very much, gentlemen of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church Male Chorus and Mrs. Chrisman, director. Both the Shrine Chanters, who appeared a few minutes ago, and the male chorus were delighted when we mentioned to them that the Grand Army encampment was to be held here. They have rehearsed the numbers they presented here, although it naturally took time from their busy days and evenings, and we appreciate it a great deal. [Applause.]

(Music by the United States Marine Band.)

Chairman BRAYTON. Now I understand that we come to a very impressive ceremony which I know each of you at the Seventy-eighth Annual Campfire will be glad to share in, and that is the pinning on

the breast of the commander in chief a past commander in chief's badge. It is a great pleasure to present Mrs. Grace Darling, secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Maine. Mrs. Darling.

Mrs. DARLING. This is the proudest moment of my life. There are a few of us who are very much privileged. We are appointed department secretaries. "Secretary" is a word that can mean many things, many capacities. With us it means that we are the custodians of these Grand Army men. It means that they have reached the age where the details of office are burdensome. It means that we are chosen to carry on, to do these things for them to the best of our ability, to see that they are tenderly cared for, that every precaution is taken for their health and that life may be as happy and comfortable as possible. that all their records are carefully kept. We feel that we are keeping these records for historical purposes. They will be handed down for generations.

This is the first time Maine has had a commander in chief, and it so happens he is the baby of our Department. He is the youngest. We think that we are especially privileged. He has gone through a very remarkable experience, a major operation, and yet was determined to come to this convention even in this condition.

It is my great privilege and pleasure to pin on him this past commander's badge, the gift of his Grand Army comrades.

Commander in Chief JONES. Thanks for having this badge pinned upon my breast.

Chairman BRAYTON. I want you to meet Comrade Gay, past commander in chief, from Massachusetts, and the only naval veteran who has ever been commander in chief except our good friend and fellow Iowan, the late James W. Willett, of Tama. Comrade Gay, of Massachusetts, past commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief GAY. Commander in Chief Jones, you have so many friends here that they want to present to you a badge. It is because of your love and the love that they have for you, and of course the trials that you have had during your administration. Now there has been this badge pinned onto you not only because of the respect they have for you but the sincere love. God bless you. And when you retire to your home and in your leisure moments you gaze upon this badge remember the many, many friends that you have in this Grand Army of the Republic. God bless you.

Chairman BRAYTON. Comrade Johnson, of Kansas City, of the Missouri Johnsons.

Comrade JOHNSON. Commander in Chief, it is a great pleasure to present this honorable badge that he may carry with him during the balance of his life and that we may see him wear with honor. These comrades are going fast, but we must remember that there are others following us. May you live many, many days and thank God that He has given you the strength to be present at this encampment.

Chairman BRAYTON. Now the proudest moment of the evening. Comrade Mack, age 107.

Comrade MACK. We have had a nice time. I thank you all.

Chairman BRAYTON. That was Comrade Mack, who came from Minneapolis last Thursday and is going strong.

Ladies and gentlemen, I know that you realize that the comrades need sleep. Who doesn't? And very sensibly they get more of it

than we do. So we are going to bring this delightful campfire to a close in just a moment.

I would like to present the chairman of the executive committee of this seventy-eighth national encampment, who has been a veritable tower of strength not only in this encampment but in all others that have been held in Des Moines. It is a pleasure to introduce and re-introduce to his many friends and admirers, General Guy Logan.

General LOGAN. Commander in Chief, I did not want this meeting to close without saying to you Des Moines people in particular that the great amount of work preparing for this convention was done by Mr. Brayton and his staff, Colonel Polk and his staff, and all the boys that worked on the outside. They have done everything possible to make this convention a success. It has not been any one-man job. There have been dozens of men working on this and women working on this, and I as chairman of their committee did very little of the work. I want you to know that they did all the work, and I am very proud of the plans which they worked out for our wonderful friends at this convention.

Chairman BRAYTON. Well, you see it was this way, folks. We just followed through. That is the way the Grand Army veterans did, and that is the thing you have to do in life. Too many of us in this United States today are like the fellow who wrote a letter to his girl. He said: "Dear Mabel: I would climb the highest mountain for you, I would swim the deepest ocean. I would go through fire and water for you. P. S. I will be over and see you Friday if it don't rain."

Now I want to say this in parting—and parting is such sweet sorrow—if we will emulate the Grand Army comrades we will be much better off.

Now we are going to have the benediction by Dr. Frederick M. Meek, of Plymouth Congregational Church, and then I want you all to remain seated while the United States Marine Band gives you the most beautiful, impressive, and moving rendition of Taps that was ever written. Dr. Meek.

Dr. MEEK. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May He lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you His peace this night and even forevermore. Amen.

(Taps, by the United States Marine Band.) (9:53 p. m.)

THE GRAND PARADE

The following account of the parade held Wednesday forenoon, September 13, 1944, is taken from the Des Moines Tribune of that date:

GRAND ARMY VETERANS 19 STRONG, LEAD PARADE

CROWDS LINE STREETS FOR EVENT

By Fred Pettid

Gallantly waving their hats and saluting the cheering crowds lining Des Moines streets Wednesday, 19 "boys in blue" of the Civil War led the annual parade of the Seventy-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. One veteran missed the parade.

As the United States Marine Band began playing a stirring march, hearts—old hearts that have slowed from years of wear—picked up the tempo and kept time throughout the hour long parade.

The veterans, all riding in open cars, were led by their commander in chief, George H. Jones. The missing veteran, William H. Osborn, department commander from Joplin, Mo., was not in the cars—he was just a few minutes late for the start of the parade and had to wait for his comrades to join him in the reviewing stand.

CROWD

A crowd estimated by Chief of Police Vic Smith at 35,000 lined Locust and Walnut Streets as the proud Civil War veterans passed.

Jones and his staff left the parade and went to a stand in front of the post office to review delegates representing the remaining 225 GAR veterans. As his comrades passed, Jones stood on his feet and, with the support of a nurse, saluted his command.

After the review, the veterans joined Jones in the stand, so that all could review the troops of three wars since they were the "boys in blue."

TEARS

One veteran, Lyman Butterfield of Manchester, N. H., couldn't keep the tears back as the younger men, who served in the Spanish-American War, World War I, and the present World War passed before the reviewing stand.

He kept fighting the tears—biting his lips and bowing his head to keep from showing his emotion.

"They are just tears of joy—tears that are brought on from memories of the day that I marched just like these trim young men and women passing by," Butterfield said.

The 19 other veterans, some of them standing as the various units in the parade passed and all of them saluting the colors as the bearers passed before the stand, had wet eyes.

WAC'S

The greatest sight from any review stand they've been in, some veterans said, was the sight of four full companies of WAC's, led by their own band from Fort Des Moines Army post, as the women's army appeared in a GAR parade for the first time. Some of the GAR veterans stood in salute of the women soldiers.

A guard of honor, made up of nearly 200 Sons of Veterans of the Civil War,

followed the GAR. Some of the marching men in the unit looked as if they could be veterans of that war, too, but none were. Their ages range up to 95 years, but those attending the GAR encampment were all too young to get past recruiting officers during the war.

One of the Sons of Veterans, George Byram, 78, of 1533 Pennsylvania Avenue, suffered a heart attack near the end of the parade. He was taken to Broadlawns General Hospital, where physicians said his condition was not serious.

AMBULANCES

Byram was the only casualty of the mile-long parade. Ambulances had been arranged at points along the parade route in case of such an emergency, but only the one was used.

Leading the entire parade was Col. Harry H. Polk, marshal of the parade, and his staff, Col. Ralph Lancaster and Col. Arthur Wallace. They rode in one of the army jeeps.

Following the Sons of Veterans was the fife and drum corps from Wisconsin.

Playing the martial music of years gone by, the fife and drum corps was cheered on to faster tempo by the parade watchers. Other music was supplied for the marchers by the Valley American Legion post's champion drum and bugle corps, the Boone, Iowa, Girl Scotties drum and bugle corps, the Roosevelt High and East High schools bands.

BAND

The Roosevelt High school band, with its snappily dressed drum major, prancing past the reviewing stand, brought tears and cheers from the "boys in blue."

Other units in the parade were: American Legionnaires, Disabled American veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish-American War Veterans, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, American Legion Auxiliary, and other patriotic units.

Eight wild west riders on horses from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, although bringing up the rear of the parade, brought cheers from the old cavalymen sitting in the reviewing stand.

At the sight of the proud horses coming down the street, several of the GAR veterans stood at attention with admiring eyes cast at the horses and riders.

OFFICIALS

In addition to Jones, Gov. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Mayor John MacVicar, Wayne Ropes, secretary of state; John Grimes, State treasurer, and John Rankin, attorney general, sat in the reviewing stand.

As the parade ended, the 20 veterans walked as upright as their age would permit, back to the waiting cars to return to their encampment headquarters in Hotel Fort Des Moines.

A FEW WHO LINK US TO OUR FOUNDERS

Under the above caption the following editorial was printed in the Des Moines Register of September 12, 1944:

It was an army of very young men who went to war in the years between 1861 and 1865. More than half of them were 18 years of age or younger. Now, 80 years after, there remain only a handful, out of more than 2,000,000, in the Grand Army of the Republic.

It has occurred to us that these remaining few, who fought so well in their youth to preserve the Union their grandfathers had founded, are our last direct link with the early days of our Nation. For it is entirely possible that some of the aged veterans who are honoring Des Moines with their presence this week may have had association, in their childhood, with the then aged veterans of our Revolutionary War. We are really only this arm's length, this span of one long lifetime, from the fathers of our Republic.

We have come a long way in these 168 years of our existence as a nation. So far have we come that we dare to give imagination rein and try to picture our world as it may be an equal distance in the future.

It will be a world of scientific marvels undreamed of today, of course, even as

those of the present were undreamed of in Washington's time. It may be that poverty and want will be less known. It is possible that communicable disease may be largely banished. It will be a world far removed from that of today, but no farther, perhaps, than this world of ours is removed from that of 1776.

And we dare to hope that it may be a world decently organized, in which the institution of war will be regarded as a historical curiosity. The men who fought to found and preserve our Union, and the men who are fighting now to protect the world from tyranny and enslavement, have made that dream possible. And that is their highest honor.

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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Milwaukee, Wis., September 23, 1943.

I. Having been elected commander in chief by the Seventy-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and installed, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in adjutant general's building, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine, where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced: Adjutant general: Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif. Quartermaster general: Eugene Owen, Post Office Box 433, Lansing, Mich.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

GEORGE H. JONES, *Commander in Chief.*

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BUILDING, CAMP KEYES,

Augusta, Maine, February 24, 1944.

I. At the Seventy-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Milwaukee, Wis., September 19-24, 1943, the following-named comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief: George H. Jones, Oxford, Maine.

Senior vice commander in chief, Lansing A. Wilcox, Cadott, Wis.

Junior vice commander in chief: Hiram H. Shumate, Riverton, Ill.

Surgeon general: Thomas Ridenour, Crestline, Ohio.

Chaplain in chief: Robert N. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Arkansas: Alonzo Todd, Little Rock, Ark.

California and Nevada: Oliver H. Castle, Los Angeles, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming: Robert F. Bryan, Boulder, Colo.

Connecticut: Charles Douglas, New Haven, Conn.

Delaware: Isaiah Fassett, Berlin, Md.

Florida: Logan J. Dyke, Union City, Pa.

Idaho: Albert G. Jones, Boise, Idaho.

Illinois: James R. Crugom, Chicago, Ill.

Indiana: O. N. Wilmington, Indianapolis, Ind.

Iowa: John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Kansas: William W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.

Kentucky: Robert Barrett, Sr., Dulaney, Ky.

Maine: George F. Stuart, Freeport, Me.

Massachusetts: George A. Gay, Nashua, N. H.

Michigan: Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Minnesota: Charles J. Perry, Minneapolis, Minn.

Missouri: William H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.

Nebraska: R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr.

New Hampshire: Lyman E. Butterfield, Manchester, N. H.

New Jersey: Wm. H. Perrine, Plainfield, N. J.

New York: Frank E. Cooley, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Ohio: Byron Joslin, Sidney, Ohio.

Oklahoma: E. H. Sawyer, Minco, Okla.

Oregon: T. A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.

Pennsylvania: Joseph L. Chapman, Scranton, Pa.

Utah: Ira Stormes, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Washington and Alaska: Hiram R. Gale, Seattle, Wash.

Wisconsin: A. R. Kibbe, New Richmond, Wis.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief were announced:

Adjutant general: Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster general: Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Judge advocate general: William W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.

Inspector general: John M. Gudgel, Shenandoah, Iowa.

National patriotic instructor: Louis E. Quint, Minneapolis, Minn.

Assistant adjutant general: John W. Palmer, Waldoboro, Maine.

National chief of staff: Thomas B. Williams, Chapman, Kans.

Senior aide de camp: Ira Stormes, Salt Lake City, Utah.

III. Miss Katherine R. A. Flood, Newton, Mass., was unanimously reelected national secretary.

IV. National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in the adjutant general's building, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine, where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. The executive committee of the national council of administration will consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general and three members appointed from the department representatives on the national council of administration. The following comrades are appointed members of the executive committee to serve with the officers named:

George A. Gay, Nashua, N. H. (Department of Massachusetts).

Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Oliver H. Castle, Los Angeles, Calif.

VI. Comrade A. T. Anderson, Washington, Pa., was elected trustee of the permanent fund for 3 years, to succeed himself.

VII. It was voted to accept the invitation of Des Moines, Iowa, to hold the Seventy-eighth national encampment in that city. We cannot make a definite statement at this time, however, as a visit there February 1, showed that the hotels necessary to properly care for our allied organizations, while vacated by the Army, have not been returned to the owners and it will take several months to restore and furnish them, after priorities have been secured. These general orders have been delayed in the hope that definite information might be given. However, we hope to announce location and date soon.

VIII. All requisitions for supplies, with remittances therefor, must be sent to the quartermaster general, Eugene Owen, post office box 433, Lansing, Mich. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made payable to National Grand Army of the Republic. Do not send stamps.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to national headquarters notice of death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, with date of death, military record, and Grand Army service, for publication in general orders.

X. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward to national headquarters, immediately after the receipt of these orders, the department roster, the journal of the last department encampment, if not already sent, and all general orders which may be issued during the year.

XI. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send to the chaplain in chief, Comrade Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y., the name and address of department chaplain, and to the national patriotic instructor, Comrade Louis E. Quint, 231 State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn., the name and address of department patriotic instructor.

XII. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in chief. The judge advocate general can give an opinion to the commander in chief only.

XIII. Because of the difficulties in traveling and the uncertainties of obtaining return reservations, the commander in chief will visit only such encampments as may be reached in a day's travel. Departments will please notify him as soon as possible of the dates and locations of encampments that he may make his plans accordingly.

XIV. The following resolutions were adopted:

"1. A resolution pledging anew to the President and to the Congress our wholehearted support in the prosecution of the war to a successful end and recommending that all comrades purchase war bonds so far as they are able.

"2. Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic, after a lapse of 20 years, is again meeting in its seventy-seventh national encampment in the hospitable city of Milwaukee: Be it

"Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Daisy Heine-mann and Mrs. May L. Luchsinger for their interest and effort in obtaining the invitation and appropriation from the State of Wisconsin for this encampment; to the officials of the State of Wisconsin, of the county of Milwaukee and of the city of Milwaukee for their wonderful hospitality; to all veterans organizations; to the members of the civic and fraternal organizations; to the police, to the Boy Scouts; to the military forces of the Nation and the State; to the speakers and the clergymen who participated in our meetings; to the Motor Corps of the Milwaukee Red Cross; to the Milwaukee Women's Relief Corps drill team for the use of their cross and to the Boston Store for the beautiful flowers given for use on the cross in our memorial service; to the newspapers and radio stations for their generous mention of encampment activities; to the manager of the Milwaukee Auditorium and his staff and to the manager and personnel of the Hotel Schroeder; and be it further

"Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the President of the United States for his message of encouragement and appreciation, and to the members of the Congress for allowing the Marine Band to contribute to our entertainment; and be it further

"Resolved, That we again record our pleasure in the wonderful entertainment given us by Capt. William F. Santelmann, leader, and the members of the Marine Band; and be it further

"Resolved, That the courtesy shown us by Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and Maj. P. G. Froemming, manager of the Wood Facility and his staff be gratefully remembered as one of the pleasantest events of the week; and be it further

"Resolved, That we express our deep appreciation to Mr. George F. Kiewert, chairman of the general committee, and all of his associates and in particular to Mr. Alvin J. Monroe, manager of the Convention Bureau, for their splendid entertainment and solicitude for the welfare of our comrades."

XV. Information has reached the commander in chief that individuals are claiming to represent the Grand Army of the Republic in States where the Grand Army of the Republic has no members. The national encampment has repeatedly stated that when the last member in a post or department dies, the organization in that State is dead, and no one can claim to represent it or to assume any authority over any of the allied orders. Further, if the last post, or the department, has any funds or property, such funds or property should be immediately turned over to national headquarters.

XVI. Frequently the statement has been publicly made that the Grand Army of the Republic has designated some organization as its heir to carry on the work of the Grand Army. This is not true. The national encampment has refused to name any organization as its heir, and it is hoped that the persons making such statements will cease.

XVII. At the semiofficial meeting of the seventy-seventh national encampment on Monday evening, September 20, 1943, the national encampment received the following gifts to help this administration carry on its work during the coming year: National Woman's Relief Corps, \$1,000; Ladies of the GAR, \$1,000; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$1,000; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$250; Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, \$500; and an additional \$250 from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the Southern Memorial Fund. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic are deeply grateful to these members of the Grand Army Family for their loyal support and aid in carrying on the organization with dignity.

XVIII. Christmas greetings were received as usual from President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, but did not reach the secretary in time to send to departments before the holidays. They will be published in the Journal.

XIX. The commander in chief appreciated all the messages and gifts which came to him for Christmas and for his birthday and thanks every one who remembered him on both occasions.

XX. Your commander in chief appreciates the honor given him by his comrades in electing him commander in chief. He promises a fair and dignified administration.

By command of

GEORGE H. JONES,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant-General.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 3
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Room 12, City Hall, Portland, Maine, April 24, 1944.

*"This is the day that the soldiers keep,
And they keep it through all the years."*

I. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Tuesday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day. For 76 years a grateful people have been honoring the men who fell in battle or who, having served in defense of our country, have since been mustered out. May every soldier's grave have flowers and the flag placed on it and let us not forget the tender ceremony of strewing flowers on the ocean and the inland rivers and lakes in memory of those who served in our Navy. For many years our hands placed the flags and flowers but now we must depend largely upon the members of our auxiliary and allied orders to see that "the little green tents where the soldiers sleep" are cared for. Where we have no organization allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, we rest assured that our younger comrades of later wars will care for our comrades' graves.

II. As provided by the forty-fifth encampment, flags shall be placed at half mast until 12 o'clock noon, at which time bells shall be tolled for 5 minutes, during which time comrades shall remain standing with uncovered heads in tribute to their departed comrades.

III. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day order and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read at all public services on Memorial Day.

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER }
No. 11 }

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes. Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo to rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander-in-chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.
By command of

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

"PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now, we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from earth."

IV. Sunday, May 28, will be observed as Memorial Sunday. Comrades are urged to attend church on that day in company with members of our auxiliary orders.

V. Comrades will, as far as possible, visit the schools in their vicinity at the time set apart by the school authorities for the Memorial Day exercises.

VI. Department chaplains are requested to send their reports to the chaplain in chief, Comrade Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y., immediately after Memorial Day.

VII. Wednesday, June 14, will be observed as Flag Day. Display the flag and participate in public exercises wherever held.

"The peace that we long for will be
Far worse than the war that we dread,
If never again we're to see
The blue and white and the red,
Wind-tossed and sun-kissed in the skies."

Let us, therefore, be not unmindful of the deeds and sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces, serving their country at home and in foreign lands and on foreign waters. They are giving their all that we may always have "Old Glory."

By command of—

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

GEORGE H. JONES,
Commander in Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 4
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Room 12, City Hall, Portland, Maine, August 5, 1944.

I. The Seventy-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 10 to 15, 1944. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps will be located in Fort Des Moines Hotel.

II. Complete program of meetings and entertainment may be obtained on arrival in Des Moines.

III. Gen. Guy L. Logan has been appointed chairman of the encampment committee and Mr. Arthur H. Brayton, secretary. All requests for information and for rooms should be addressed to Mr. Arthur H. Brayton, secretary GAR Encampment Committee, convention bureau, Equitable Building, Des Moines 7, Iowa.

IV. National headquarters will be temporarily established in the green room, Fort Des Moines Hotel, Thursday, September 7.

V. Patriotic services will be held in all churches in Des Moines Sunday morning, September 10.

VI. The Grand Army memorial service will be held in the Coliseum, Sunday, September 10, at 2:30 p. m.

VII. Sunday, September 10, Commander in Chief George H. Jones, will officially open the conventions of the five organizations auxiliary to and allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, at 4:30 p. m. in the Coliseum.

VIII. The committee on credentials will meet Monday, September 11, at 10 a. m., in the green room, Fort Des Moines Hotel. The following comrades are appointed members of the committee on credentials:

Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, chairman.

Robert M. Rownd, assistant adjutant general, Department of New York.

John C. Adams, assistant adjutant general, Department of Indiana.

David Sisk, assistant adjutant general, Department of Iowa.

H. Alexander, assistant adjutant general, Department of Wisconsin.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are requested to obtain at national headquarters a copy of the encampment roll, that any necessary corrections may be made before the committee meets.

X. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet in national headquarters, Monday, September 11, at 11:30 a. m.

XI. The national council of administration will meet in national headquarters Monday, September 11, at 1:30 p. m.

XII. Comrades Lyman E. Butterfield, New Hampshire; R. E. Coleman, Nebraska; and Isaac W. Sharp, Indiana, will audit the books of the quartermaster general and will report to the council of administration at its meeting September 11.

XIII. Comrades will meet in national headquarters Monday, September 11, at 3:30 p. m. for instructions for the parade.

XIV. The semiofficial meeting of the national encampment will be held in the Shrine Temple, Monday evening, September 11, at 8 p. m.

XV. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general, not later than 5 p. m., Tuesday, September 12, department nominations for national council of administration and committee on resolutions.

XVI. Tuesday evening, September 12, a reception will be tendered Commander in Chief Jones and staff in the Governor's parlors in the State Capitol at 8:30 p. m.

XVII. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held Wednesday, September 13, at 10 a. m. The route will be announced in the official program.

XVIII. Department commanders are advised that, by action of the national encampment, women, children, and civilians (except in bands and drum corps) are prohibited from participating in the Grand Army parade. Also by order of the national encampment, all caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln, Uncle Sam, or other characters, and floats of any sort, will be excluded from the parade.

XIX. No flags or standards except the National, State, and post flags will be allowed in the parade and all flags must fly from the staff. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed.

XX. The first business session of the national encampment will convene in the south ballroom, Wednesday, September 13, at 1:30 p. m. The second session will convene Thursday, September 14, at 9 a. m.

XXI. Melvin Stone, Department of Maine, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is appointed officer of the guard; Lt. Edward C. Skinner, Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is appointed officer of the day for the encampment.

XXII. Wednesday evening, September 13, a Camp Fire will be held in the Shrine Temple at 8 p. m.

XXIII. Thursday evening, September 14, at 8 o'clock, a band concert will be given by the United States Marine Band in Drake University Stadium.

XXIV. Comrade William H. Ferguson, Kent City, Mich., is appointed quartermaster general, vice Eugene Owen, deceased.

XXV. Comrade John S. Dumser, Oakland, Calif., is appointed a trustee of the permanent fund, vice William W. Nixon, deceased, to serve until the meeting of the national encampment.

XXVI. Comrade R. E. Coleman, Lincoln, Nebr., is appointed a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration, vice William W. Nixon, deceased.

XXVII. The national headquarters of the auxiliary and allied orders will be located in Des Moines as follows:

Hotel Fort Des Moines: Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps.

Hotel Kirkwood: Ladies of the GAR and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Hotel Brown: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XXVIII. The following committees are appointed to prepare resolutions:

On the death of Chief of Staff Thomas B. Williams: William H. Osborn, Missouri; George F. Stuart, Maine; Alonzo McMurphy, Kansas.

On the death of Quartermaster General Eugene Owen: Theodore Penland, Oregon; Lewis M. Heiston, Ohio; Martin J. Warner, Michigan.

On the death of Judge Advocate General William W. Nixon: A. T. Anderson, Pennsylvania; George A. Gay, Massachusetts; Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada.

XXIX. The only organizations which have been recognized by the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, are the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Departments cannot recognize organizations other than those mentioned. Such recognition, however, does not allow these organizations to interfere with the business of posts, departments, or national organization. Members of allied orders cannot organize in committees and use the name Grand Army or letters GAR in connection with their committee or association.

XXX. All mail for national headquarters should be addressed to the Fort Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, after August 26.

XXXI. The commander in chief gratefully acknowledges the many letters, cards, and flowers sent him while he was in the veterans hospital following an emergency operation on May 31, and he hopes to greet many of those who remembered him, at the national encampment.

By command of—

GEORGE H. JONES,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Eugene Owen, quartermaster general, and also assistant adjutant general, Department of Michigan, died in office February 24, 1944, age 95 years. Comrade Owen was born in Perry, Ohio, January 19, 1849. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-Seventh Ohio Infantry, August 25, 1864. After 20 days training he reached Murfreesboro and was in the Battle of Stone River. In 4 months he participated in four battles, including the Battle of Nashville, where he was wounded. Later he was ill with typhoid and then had small pox. He was discharged at Louisville June 8, 1865. For 28 years after the Civil War he was a sailor on the Great Lakes. Comrade Owen joined Custer Post in 1919,

having been post commander since 1928. He had served the Department of Michigan as assistant adjutant general several years and was elected senior vice department commander in 1933. In January 1942, following the death of quartermaster general Hamilton, he was appointed quartermaster general and was reappointed in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1942, and again at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1943. A faithful comrade and officer, he will be missed by his comrades.

Comrade William W. Nixon, judge advocate general, died in office March 17, 1944, aged 98 years. He was born near Pittsburgh, Pa., February 22, 1846, son of Samuel and Jane Steele Nixon. He enlisted January 30, 1864, as a private in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, which served as an infantry regiment until the close of the war. He participated in the Battle of Cold Harbor and served in the Battle of Petersburg and at Fort Harrison. He was stationed at Farmville, Va., when Lee surrendered. He was discharged at Philadelphia January 29, 1866.

Comrade Nixon, with three other veterans, went to Topeka, Kans., mostly by water, in 1866. He then went to Iowa, where he remained until 1869 and then returned to Pittsburgh. He married Sarah Hope in Mansfield, Pa., July 20, 1869. In 1879 he and his wife and three children moved to Kansas, staying for a time in Malvern, Iowa, and he then settled on a farm in northeast Buffalo township and at the time of his death he still held the original patent to this land. In 1903 he moved to a new home in Jewell, Kans., and for 41 years had been an active citizen of the community. Mrs. Nixon died in 1884, leaving five children. In June 1885 he married Maria E. Jones at Bridgeville, Pa., and she died in 1927, leaving a son and two daughters.

Comrade Nixon joined S. R. Deach Post, No. 58 in 1883, and served in all offices in the post. In 1934 he was elected Department Commander of Kansas Department. In 1943 he was again elected department commander. He served several terms as a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration. He was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1939 and had been elected trustee of the permanent fund several times, serving in that position when he died. He was elected commander in chief in 1940 and presided at the Diamond Jubilee Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, in 1941. He was appointed judge advocate general in 1943. He had been a life long member of the Methodist Church and his home was closely linked with his church. He carried his religion into his daily life and sincerely lived the teachings of his faith. The Grand Army of the Republic mourns with his two sons and six daughters the loss of a devoted father and loyal comrade.

"Tears would but shake the quiet of his rest
And mar the dignity of death for him.
Weep not! On recollections' tender crest
Ride happy memories that never dim."

Comrade Thomas B. Williams, national chief of staff, died in office January 12, 1944, aged 94 years. Comrade Williams was born in Illinois and enlisted March 6, 1865, in Company I, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry and was discharged September 16, 1865. He, with many other veterans of the Civil War, moved to Kansas and helped to settle that great State. He early joined the Grand Army of the Republic, filling all offices in his post. In 1939 he was elected department commander and had served as assistant adjutant general of Kansas Department since 1940. Comrade Williams was a regular attendant at national encampments and his address at the Camp Fire at the Indianapolis encampment will be long remembered. Kansas will miss his faithful service and we, his genial comradeship.

Comrade Thomas J. Noll, judge advocate general, died in office August 31, 1943, aged 98 years. Comrade Noll was born in Lycoming County, Pa., December 12, 1845, and as a child moved with the family to Illinois. He enlisted August 30, 1864, in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Infantry as a private and was mustered out July 8, 1865.

After the war he went to Iowa, where he farmed and taught school 2 years. He then returned to Rockford, Ill., in 1867, where he attended Lownsberry

Academy for 2 years, assisting as a teacher the last year. He returned to Iowa, where he taught school in Tama County and then entered the University of Iowa, first studying medicine and then turning to law. He graduated from the University Law School in 1875 and that year was married.

Comrade Noll practiced law in Grundy Center and Grinnell, Iowa, and served as judge of the superior court from 1929 to 1933. He was chosen representative of the Iowa Civil War veterans to return the captured Alabama Confederate flag to the State Capital of Alabama.

Comrade Noll joined the Grand Army in 1882. He was elected department commander in 1932 and again in 1943. He moved to Des Moines when he was appointed assistant adjutant general in 1938 and served in that office until 1942. Following the death of Judge Willett he was appointed judge advocate general, holding that office until his death. We share his loss with his family and the Department of Iowa.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade William F. Hoch, senior vice department commander, died in office January 20, 1944, aged 100 years. He served in Company A, Fourth Kentucky Infantry; fought in 16 battles, the first being Mill Springs; later commissioned captain of Company F, Fourth Mounted Infantry.

Comrade Oliver H. Castle, member of national council of administration, died in office May 22, 1944, aged 96 years. He served as private in Company E, Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry. He was elected department commander in 1942 and was appointed a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration in 1943. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1868 and transferred to Stanton Post, Los Angeles, in 1931.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade Joshua C. Pearce, past chaplain in chief, died April 14, 1944. He enlisted with his father and three brothers and served in Company B, Ninth Iowa Cavalry as corporal from February 1863, to February 1866, and was the last member of the regiment. He early joined Post No. 440 in Creston, Iowa, later transferring to a post in Denver, Colo. He was elected department commander in 1937. He was elected chaplain in chief in 1939 and reelected in 1940 and in 1941.

CONNECTICUT

Comrade Nathan P. Coe, senior vice department commander, died in office December 5, 1943, aged 97 years. He enlisted as private October 22, 1862, in Company E, Twenty-seventh Connecticut Infantry and was discharged July 25, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1939, and reelected in 1940.

DELAWARE

Benjamin F. Scott, department commander, died in office January 17, 1944, aged 106 years. He enlisted December 3, 1863, in Company A, First Virginia Loyal Volunteers and was discharged December 31, 1865.

INDIANA

Oscar N. Wilmington, member of the national council of administration and assistant adjutant general of Indiana, died in office April 7, 1944. He enlisted as private in Company F, Fifty-seventh Indiana Infantry, December 18, 1861; promoted to corporal November 1, 1864; to First sergeant February 6, 1865; was commissioned first lieutenant April 1, 1865, and was mustered out December 14, 1865. He had served as assistant adjutant general since June 1941.

IOWA

Jacob J. Neuman, senior vice department commander, died in office November 21, 1943, aged 97 years. He enlisted as bugler February 9, 1865, in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Infantry and was discharged September 5, 1865. He joined Post No. 154 in 1885 and transferred to Post No. 12 in 1904. He became department commander in 1940, and was appointed assistant adjutant general in 1942.

Mark H. Morse, junior vice department commander, died in office December 25, 1943, aged 102 years. He enlisted as private in Company F, Thirty-first Iowa Infantry August 13, 1862, and was discharged July 18, 1865. He joined the Grand Army in 1882.

Elliott P. Taylor, elected department commander in 1941, died June 5, 1944, aged 98 years. The son of a surgeon in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, he enlisted in Company M, Fourth Iowa Cavalry and served 4 years until the close of the war.

KANSAS

J. P. Fair, elected department commander in 1942, died October 22, 1943, aged 100 years. He enlisted June 23, 1862, as private in Company H, Sixty-seventh Illinois Infantry and was discharged October 6, 1862.

George Schreiner, elected department commander in 1941, died December 21, 1943, aged 96 years. He served as a private in Company K, First Illinois Infantry.

KENTUCKY

Fred Leich, junior vice department commander, died in office February 15, 1944. He served in the United States Navy from May 11, 1863, to May 12, 1865.

MASSACHUSETTS

Charles L. Robinson, elected department commander in 1936, died December 4, 1943, aged 98 years. He enlisted July 9, 1864, in Company D, Fifth Massachusetts Infantry, and was discharged November 16, 1864.

George N. Alden, department commander, died in office December 29, 1943, aged 98 years. He enlisted in Nineteenth Unattached Company Massachusetts Infantry, November 25, 1864, and was discharged June 27, 1865.

Prince A. Phinney, junior vice department commander, died in office January 5, 1944, aged 97 years. He enlisted September 20, 1864, in Company D, Twenty-Fifth Massachusetts Infantry and was mustered out June 29, 1865.

Charles F. Staples, department commander, died in office June 12, 1944, aged 97 years. He enlisted December 8, 1863, in Company D, First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery and was discharged September 12, 1865.

MICHIGAN

Smith K. Carlton, elected department commander in 1937, died November 29, 1943. He enlisted as corporal in Company K, Twenty-Eighth Michigan Infantry, and was discharged February 16, 1865.

George Heusted, junior vice department commander, died in office May 26, 1944, aged 93 years. He served as private in Company E, Ninth Michigan Cavalry.

John Killeen, elected department commander in 1933, died May 26, 1944, aged 96 years. He enlisted March 12, 1863, in Company E, Eighth New York Cavalry, and was in several battles under General Sheridan.

MINNESOTA

Watts W. Hubbard, elected senior vice department commander in 1939, died December 31, 1943, aged 96 years. He enlisted September 30, 1863, in Company K, Third Wisconsin Infantry and was discharged June 27, 1865.

Charles H. Perry, assistant adjutant general, died March 25, 1944. He enlisted March 19, 1864, in Company C, First United States Infantry and was discharged March 14, 1867. He was elected department commander in 1939 and reelected in 1940; was appointed national chief of staff in 1941 and elected junior vice commander in chief in 1942. He served several terms as assistant adjutant general.

NEBRASKA

John H. Albee, elected department commander in 1942, died November 12, 1943, aged 98 years. He enlisted January 15, 1864, in Company M, First Illinois Light Artillery and was discharged July 24, 1865.

NEW YORK

John E. Banks, junior vice department commander, died in office October 9, 1943, aged 93 years.

OHIO

Byron W. Joslin, elected department commander in 1942, died December 27, 1943, aged 99 years. He served in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Ohio Infantry and was assistant adjutant general several times.

OREGON

Henry Hopkins, elected department commander in 1937, died March 30, 1944, aged 98 years. He served in Company M, First Wisconsin Cavalry.

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade Joseph L. Chapman, elected department commander in 1942, died December 21, 1943, aged 100 years. He served a short time in a Pennsylvania infantry regiment, but was discharged to be employed in the military telegraph service.

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.,
APRIL 6, 1866

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois
First commander in chief

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> _____	STEPHEN A. HURLBUT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> _____	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> _____	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> _____	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> _____	Rev. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ _____	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> _____	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> _____	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> _____	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> _____	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> _____	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> _____	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ _____	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, WASHINGTON, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> _____	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ _____	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers are now appointed.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established in Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMEROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

**SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,
MAY 14, 15, 1873**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOEBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA., MAY 13, 1874

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 12, 13, 1875

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 30, 1876

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors' general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, ² New York.
	{ MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
JUNE 26, 27, 1877**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y., JUNE 17, 18, 1879

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO, JUNE 8, 9, 1880

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. Jos. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. F. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in Chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

**TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886**

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINTOR, Connecticut.

**TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WHELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888**

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

**TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,880.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLER, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y., AUGUST 25-27, 1897

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ³ Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio. DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster General</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 29, 30, 1900

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN MCELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903

Headquarters established in Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS., AUGUST 17, 18, 1904

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri. OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

³ Died in office.

THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., AUGUST 16, 17, 1906

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rt. Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Rt. Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AUGUST 12, 13, 1909

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 24, 25, 1911

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. MCCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

**FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine.
	{ A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

**FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

**FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915**

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,853.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28
TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Members, 140,074.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspceter general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocatc general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG.,
AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ¹ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ ISIDORE ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	Dr. M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	Dr. LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SABLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

¹ Died in office.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CRAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Springs, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS D. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM P. MCKINLEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, ² Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ROBERT H. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ CHARLES H. HENRY, ³ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ² Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

² Died in office.

³ Resigned.

SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928

Headquarters were established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ THOMAS J. SMITH, ⁴ McCook, Nebr. MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE, SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Newton, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, AUGUST 24-28, 1930

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ DAVID N. HEIZER, ⁴ Colorado Springs, Colo. ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ COLA D. R. STOWITS, ³ Buffalo, N. Y. EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

**SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1931**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WASHINGTON F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA R. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.

**SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 1932**

Headquarters established at Chicago, Ill. Membership, 13,066.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, ³ Chicago, Ill. RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif. CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala. ARTHUR DAWSON, Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Waukegan, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	EMMET F. TAGGART, Akron, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

**SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1933**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 10,138.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ THOMAS H. PEACON, ³ Minneapolis, Minn. EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DARWIN B. WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	T. M. KELLOGG, Portland, Oreg.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

³ Died in office.

SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y., AUGUST 12-18, 1934

Headquarters established at Syracuse, N. Y. Membership, 7,807.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED E. STACEY, Elbridge, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARDING I. MERRILL, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Jackson, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.
<i>National patriotic instructors</i> -----	{ HENRY B. DAVIDSON, ³ Springfield, Ill. C. PERRY LOMAX, ³ Lincoln, Nebr.

SIXTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1935

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 6,244.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.

SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1936

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 4,391.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY F. RUSSELL, Alliance, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ JOHN LITTLE, ³ Pittsburgh, Pa. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ SAMUEL P. TOWN, ³ Philadelphia, Pa. SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MADISON, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1937**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 3,325.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY HELD, West Allis, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	R. H. HOFFMAN, Denver, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.

**SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938**

Headquarters established at Ripley, N. Y. Membership, 2,443.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK L. QUADE, Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, ³ Gallipolis, Ohio.
	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MARTIN V. STONE, ³ Jamestown, N. Y.
	JOSIAH C. READ, ³ New York, N. Y.
	GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWIN H. LINCOLN, ³ Pittsfield, Mass.
	JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	TRUMAN N. PARSONS, Stratford, Conn.

**SEVENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1939**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 1,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. ANDREW, ³ Quincy, Ill.
	A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. T. ANDERSON, Washington, Pa.
	W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
	WILLIAM H. MCCOY, Trenton, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, ³ Louisville, Ky.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, ³ Tama, Iowa.
	T. J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	O. S. PIERCE, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Dr. JOHN H. STONE, Kokomo, Ind.

³ Died in office.

SEVENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1940

Headquarters established at Topeka, Kans. Membership, 1,039.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

Commander in chief	W. W. NIXON, Jewell, Kans.
Senior vice commander in chief	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
Junior vice commander in chief	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.
Surgeon general	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
Adjutant general	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
Quartermaster general	{ A. C. EASTABROOK, ³ Grand Rapids, Mich. J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
Inspector general	JOSEPH B. HENNINGER, Indianapolis, Ind.
National patriotic instructor	{ ASA O. GERE, ³ Stafford, Kans. T. A. PENLAND, Portland, Oreg.

SEVENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 14-19, 1941

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 763.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

Commander in chief	GEORGE A. GAY, Nashua, N. H.
Senior vice commander in chief	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
Junior vice commander in chief	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
Surgeon general	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
Chaplain in chief	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
Adjutant general	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
Quartermaster general	J. A. HAMILTON, Lansing, Mich.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
Inspector general	LEWIS H. EASTERLY, Gunnison, Colo.
National patriotic instructor	{ GEORGE W. GREEN, ² Jamaica Plain, Mass. JOHN E. BRONSON, East Dedham, Mass.

SEVENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1942

Headquarters established at Oakland, Calif. Membership, 518.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

Commander in chief	JOHN S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.
Senior vice commander in chief	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
Junior vice commander in chief	CHARLES H. PERRY, Minneapolis, Minn.
Surgeon general	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
Chaplain in chief	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
Adjutant general	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
Quartermaster general	EUGENE OWEN, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Judge advocate general	THOMAS J. NOLL, Des Moines, Iowa.
Inspector general	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
National patriotic instructor	WILLIAM H. OSBORN, Joplin, Mo.

³ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 19-24, 1943**

Headquarters established at Augusta, Maine; later moved to Portland, Maine. Membership, 393.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. JONES, Oxford, Maine.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LANSING A. WILCOX, Cadott, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM H. SHUMATE, Riverton, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	THOMAS RIDENOUR, Crestline, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ EUGENE OWEN, ² Grand Rapids, Mich. WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, Kent City, Mich.
<i>Judge Advocate General</i> -----	WILLIAM W. NIXON, ² Jewell, Kans.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LOUIS E. QUINT, Minneapolis, Minn.

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 10-15, 1944⁵**

Headquarters established at Warsaw, Ind. Membership, 249.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ISAAC W. SHARP, Warsaw, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. GUDGEL, Shenandoah, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HIRAM R. GALE, Seattle, Wash.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	MARTIN J. WARNER, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. FERGUSON, Kent City, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	THEODORE A. PENLAND, Portland, Ore.

² Died in office.

⁵ Offices of Surgeon General, Judge Advocate General, and Inspector General abolished.

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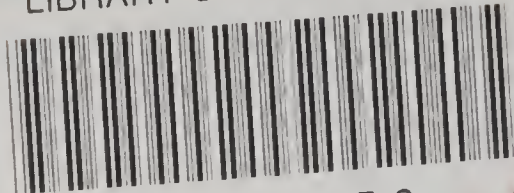
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